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Finance Minister Yoram Aridor announces his resignation yesterday evening at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. (Zamir, Scoop 80)

ARIDOR QUILTS IN \$ FLASCO

Labour Party issues demand for elections

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's leadership bureau and its Knesset faction executive are calling for dissolution of the Ninth Knesset and new elections. The party will table a motion of no confidence in the government because of its economic policies on Monday — the first day of the winter session — and will introduce the election bill later.

Labour secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev, reacting to Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's resignation, said that not only Aridor was responsible for the economic crisis, but the government as a whole, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. He said that the government could not get away by making Aridor a scapegoat for its collective failure.

Bar-Lev added that the country is now paying for the economic responsibility that began on the eve of the 1981 election. He said the government could not get off the hook by replacing only one minister.

A joint session of the party leadership bureau and the Knesset faction executive, in unanimously recommending the no-confidence move and an election, condemned Aridor's "dollarization" proposal as "anti-patriotic and anti-zionist, which would smash the Jewish dream for political and economic independence."

On Wednesday, Shinui will table a motion calling for dissolution of the Knesset and an election, a movement spokesman said last night.

Labour chairman Shimon Peres said that for the past week the government "was driving the country crazy, its ministers made mistakes and the people were supposed to pay for them. The country has never been in the hands of such an incompetent group with such dangerous ideas."

Peres declared that "dollarization" not only meant that the Likud had lost its basic ideology but that it was an attempt to hit at organized labour under a new camouflage. He said the most disturbing element was Aridor's announcement that both the former and present prime ministers were privy to that plan and had not put a stop to it.

Former Labour prime minister Yitzhak Rabin said he did not think the departure of Aridor would solve the problems in the economy created by the government. "Following our failure in Lebanon as well as on the economic front, and following the resignation of Menachem Begin, the time has come to go to the people and ask them whether or not they want a new government with new policies," Rabin said.

The Mapam leadership forum called for the entire government to resign.

Shamir doesn't try to stop him

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Political Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's new coalition government was in deep trouble last night, looking for a new finance minister only 72 hours after Yoram Aridor had been reappointed, and seeking to allay the public alarm caused by Aridor's bombshell "dollarization-of-the-economy" scheme.

Shamir, in an Israel TV interview, called on the nation to keep calm and not to worry about Aridor's scheme to use the American dollar as a basis for the shekel, since this idea was dead and would never be discussed in the cabinet.

Aridor handed his letter of resignation to the prime minister at 5:45 p.m. yesterday, and after a few minutes of discussion, went into the emergency cabinet session which started at 6 p.m. to tell his colleagues he was quitting.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim at once suggested to Aridor that he stay on as minister without portfolio. Aridor declined, then left the cabinet chamber and the building.

Earlier, it was learned, Shamir did not try to persuade Aridor to change his mind about dropping the Treasury portfolio and did not suggest that he stay on in a different capacity.

Aridor announced his resignation last night to the press at the Prime Minister's Office. "I have made known to the cabinet my intention to resign and have handed a letter of resignation to the prime minister," he said.

"Under the circumstances that have developed, I feel I cannot contribute to this government in the position of minister of finance. A report has been published — correct in principle — of a programme worked out by people from within and without the Ministry of Finance. This was to be only one phase of a comprehensive plan we had planned for revitalizing the economy, and we had intended to study this phase well and have it discussed by the cabinet before implementing it," he said.

After Wednesday witnessed the return of relative calm to the economy, and the public began to digest the implications of the new economic measures imposed in the all-night cabinet meeting, yesterday morning's "Yediot Aharonot" leak about the "dollarization" scheme convulsed both the public and the politicians anew.

Despite the chorus of universally negative reactions to Aridor's scheme throughout the morning hours, the finance minister's colleagues were so flabbergasted that they took hours to move. The exception was Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who said the idea was so far-reaching that it could be compared only to changing the national anthem or the flag.

Aridor himself precipitated his colleagues' indignation, by giving a 45-minute interview on Israel Radio's 1 p.m. newscast. He not only unfolded his "dollarization" scheme in great detail but also revealed that he had intended to tell the cabinet about it only next Sunday. It seems that only Shamir and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Forced to yield to mounting pressure

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Pressure built up during the past three days to dislodge Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

Politicians, and senior government officials approached Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and told him of their concern over the deterioration in the economic situation.

The campaign to wean Shamir away from Aridor climaxed yesterday morning after Yediot Aharonot published its story on the Treasury plan to link wages, and the economy in general, to the U.S. dollar instead of to the cost-of-living index. Senior economic officials told Shamir, and stated in interviews, that the plan, labelled "dollarization," was unworkable, unprecedented and even absurd.

One of the few to back the Aridor plan publicly was Shlomo Lorincz, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, who said that "by and

large" it would give citizens a feeling of security.

However, when Lorincz saw which way the wind was blowing, he said the plan was "a matter for the distant future."

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy told Shamir that the government's credibility was at stake. Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum told Shamir that if Aridor stays at the Treasury, the economy will deteriorate further and Israel will be brought closer to disaster.

Sources close to Mandelbaum explained later that the governor has been meticulous about not intervening in political matters, but felt that this time it was his duty to help prevent major damage to the economy.

The bank officially stated yesterday that it opposes "dollarization," but supports the cut in the budget. The central bank's representatives on the team drafting the new economic programme warned the

Treasury that dollarization would bring on a major recession and strike a massive blow at the balance of payments.

A senior civil servant, Shmuel Friedrich, the director-general of the Ministry for Economic Coordination said that if the plan is implemented he would resign.

Sources at the Bank of Israel told The Jerusalem Post that during the last stages of drafting the new economic programme only Treasury representatives attended. At its first meetings, about six months ago, the team was composed of members of the Treasury, headed by Director-General Ezra Sadan, representatives of the Bank of Israel Research Department and prof. Nissim Livyathan, Pinhas Zussman and Eitan Berglas.

The consensus of the team was that the budget had to be cut and a real devaluation of the shekel implemented. But when the issue of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Histadrut leaders say whole cabinet must go

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut leaders yesterday welcomed Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's resignation, but added their two-hour protest strike scheduled for Sunday is still on.

The Histadrut leaders regarded Aridor as one of the labour federation's more dangerous foes, but maintained that his departure is not enough. "The entire cabinet must resign," Histadrut secretary general Yeroham Meshel said.

Aridor was the target of considerable criticism during yesterday's stormy five-hour meeting of the Histadrut Executive. He was scored partly because of his decision to cut the Cost-of-Living allowance and for threatening legislation if the Histadrut does not voluntarily agree to changes. Senior Histadrut sources described that as an attempt to twist their arms.

For a long time Labour federation officials regarded Aridor as dangerous, partly because he knew the Histadrut from within. Sources explained that Aridor's predecessors

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Shamir: We won't touch \$ accounts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Savings accounts, including Palam foreign-currency accounts, will not be disturbed regardless of the economic crisis, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir pledged last night.

In an interview on Israel Television's Mabat news programme devoted entirely to Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's resignation, Shamir asserted: "I deeply regret the panic created among the public by the developments of the past few days. What we need now is stability and tranquility among our people. We shall work with all sectors including the Histadrut to bring about a calmer atmosphere."

In reply to the interviewer's questions, Shamir said he had first heard "a few days ago" of the "dollarization" scheme but had considered it only as "food for thought, not a concrete plan, since it had never even been raised in the cabinet."

"The press leak caused lots of economic confusion that surely must have contributed to Mr. Aridor's decision to step down," he said.

As for a successor for Aridor, Shamir would say only, "I shall consult with my fellow ministers. Meanwhile I want to assure Israelis that there is no need for panic or

concern following the resignation."

Also interviewed on Mabat was Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres, who said: "In our time in office we never had an inflation rate of 130 per cent a year, and we never had such economic crises."

"The ministers keep making statements about the need for reducing government spending, but never do anything about it. With \$3.7 billion in foreign aid every year, it is dishonest to claim our economy is weakened by trade difficulties on the world markets."

MK Ronnie Milo, Likud Knesset whip, reminded the interviewer that "no Israeli finance minister has ever left office in good grace... and if Yoram Aridor is a scapegoat, then he is one not only for his fellow ministers but for the man-in-the-street as well."

According to Milo, Ezer Weizman would be the best choice to succeed Aridor, though David Levy, Yitzhak Moda'i and Yigael

Hurvitz are also good choices. As for early elections, Milo said he sees nothing to gain in cooperating with the opposition to advance elections.

According to Israel Television, Aridor told some friends gathered at his Ramat Efal home yesterday morning that he planned to resign. This statement caught even his close adviser, Yakir Plessner, by surprise. When Aridor phoned Shamir to tell him of his intention to step down, Shamir begged him to reconsider, but Aridor was adamant.

Bourse stays shut

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange will not reopen, as anticipated, on Sunday.

The exchange council said yesterday that trading would not be resumed until further notice.

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The cover of today's Jerusalem Post Magazine is a symbol of Israel's newest economic policy. Read about that policy, and the current financial crisis, inside today's Weekend Edition.

The banking bubble. David Kravine delves into the stock manipulation that set off the upheaval.

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To our Readers

Recent economic measures have had an immediate effect on the cost of the raw materials and services necessary to produce the newspaper.

The Jerusalem Post is compelled, therefore to raise the price of the paper from today to IS45 for the daily edition and IS70 for the Friday edition (including the Weekend Magazine) and holiday eve issues.

These prices do not reflect the full impact of the government measures; almost half of the increased costs are being absorbed by The Jerusalem Post, for the time being.

We appreciate the steady support and understanding of our readers during this period of rapid inflation, which has necessitated a continual rise in the price of the paper. As in the past, we will try to keep future increases to a minimum.

The Editors

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Thursday, November 10, 1983	Dedication of Computer Centre at Beit Sarah Herzog — Bnei Brak
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COPENHAGEN	10	12	10	50	Cloudy
DENVER	2	13	2	35	Clear
GENEVA	10	18	10	50	Clear
HONG KONG	24	28	24	75	Rain
JERUSALEM	15	24	15	59	Clear
LONDON	12	14	12	54	Cloudy
MADRID	14	16	14	57	Cloudy
MONTREAL	12	15	12	54	Cloudy
NEW YORK	12	15	12	54	Cloudy
OSLO	7	15	7	45	Clear
PARIS	7	15	7	45	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	18	24	18	64	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	17	27	17	63	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	8	13	8	46	Rain
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the north and centre of the country.
Outlook for Shabbat: Same.

Yesterday's temperature: Today's temperature

Location	Yesterday's temperature	Today's temperature
Jerusalem	13-21	18-25
Golan	14-22	20
Nahariya	17-20	18
Salad	17-20	18
Haifa Port	17-20	18
Theriac	17-20	18
Nazareth	17-20	18
Afula	17-20	18
Shimon	17-20	18
Tel Aviv	17-20	18
B-G Airport	17-20	18
Jericho	17-20	18
Gaza	17-20	18
Beer-Sheva	17-20	18
Eilat	17-20	18

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel will speak on "City Development Plans," at the Haifa Engineers Club, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 04-674583.

ARRIVALS

Nahum Pesach, chairman of the Histadrut Culture and Education Centre, and Aharon Barnea, director of the Histadrut Institute for Ideological Education, from a meeting of the Worker's Education International held recently under UNESCO auspices.

DEPARTURES

Emunah World Chairman Eva Adelman, Vice-Chairman Anne Oster and British Emunah President Guggi Grahame, to England for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Child Resettlement Fund-Emunah of Great Britain and Ireland.

Family gang detained for burgling garages

A father and four of his sons, suspected of burgling 21 garages in Jerusalem's Talpiot industrial zone, were ordered detained yesterday for an additional period. They were arrested earlier this month and detained for nine days. Three other sons who are minors were released then.

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday ordered that the father, Hussein Ja'aber, 50, be held for another four days, as were Ali, 28, and Naj, 23. Musa, 24, was ordered held for another 9 days and Ismail, 18, who reportedly admitted to some of the robberies, for another 6.

The police representative told the court that stolen goods worth over \$2 million were found in the Ja'abar house which is near the industrial zone. Most of it has already been returned to its owners, he said. (Iim)

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Lebanese factions meet on reconciliation parley

BEIRUT. — Christian and Moslem factions who battled last month met in a heavily guarded building in central Beirut yesterday to prepare for a much-delayed national reconciliation conference.

It was the first political meeting between Lebanese factions on such a scale since the first months of the 1975-76 civil war which signalled the breakdown of central authority in the country, political sources said.

Representatives of Lebanon's top Moslem and Christian leaders met at the Health Ministry building along the "green line" between East and West Beirut to try to set an agenda for the conference that is scheduled to open next week. The opening has been delayed because of squabbling over where it will be held.

At yesterday's meeting, government representative Khalil Mekki sat at the head of a rectangular table with officials of the Druze and Shi'ite Moslem militias, two delegates from right-wing Christian parties and nominees of two independent Moslem politicians.

Three opposition politicians who were also invited to name delegates failed to respond to the call, but the meeting went ahead nevertheless.

Raymond Edde, a Christian Parliament bloc leader who lives in self-imposed exile in Paris, issued a statement saying he would not only send no one to the advance meeting, but would not take part in a reconciliation conference he felt would lead to the partition of Lebanon.

Former prime minister Rashid Karamah and former president Suleiman Frangieh also failed to send representatives to the preliminary meeting. Karamah gave no explanation, but Frangieh said he thought the meeting was not needed and that the reconciliation conference itself should begin. (Reuter, AP)

Gunmen rampage in Tripoli

BEIRUT (AP) — Hooded Moslem militiamen stormed and burned Communist Party strongholds in Tripoli yesterday on the third straight day of street battles that have left 69 people dead and 150 wounded in Lebanon's second-largest city, police said.

A police announcement said nine persons were killed and 50 wounded in yesterday's clashes with mortars, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades in the northern port city, in addition to 60 killed and 100 wounded on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The attackers, wearing black and red hoods and firing machine guns and bazookas, stormed into one Communist stronghold after another, killing all captured defenders and setting each centre afire. Clouds of black smoke hung over the city of 500,000 inhabitants as ambulances raced in and out of the embattled neighbourhoods, police said.

Tripoli is not covered by the September 26 cease-fire in Beirut and the central mountains that was mediated by the U.S. and Saudi Arabia to halt the latest round of Lebanon's civil war.

Arafat calls for talks with Jordan

KUWAIT (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat yesterday advocated the resumption of a dialogue for a "confederation with Jordan," but said that must be on the basis of the Fez and not the Reagan mid-east peace plans.

Arafat's statements put in context his call earlier in the week for resumption of the dialogue with Jordan without specifying any basis for such contacts.

In an interview published by the Al-Wakeel newspaper, the PLO leader said the previous dialogue with Jordan over a confederation had "failed, because Jordan insisted it be conducted on the basis of the Reagan plan."

U.S. President Ronald Reagan's mid-east peace plan of September 1, 1982, called for Palestinian self-government of the West Bank and Gaza "in association with Jordan."

The Fez plan, drawn from a Saudi Arabian working paper, called for an independent Palestinian state in the two Israeli-occupied areas, with East Jerusalem as the capital.

Mention of the Reagan plan has been revived lately with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl stressing his country's "categorical backing" for it now and in the future.

ARIDOR QUILTS

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Industry and Commerce Minister Gideon Patt had heard substantial elements of the scheme before.

During the afternoon, senior officials of government departments and financial bodies began to express reservations publicly as well as privately about the Aridor plan, and stating their reluctance to have anything to do with either it or its author.

After Deputy Prime Minister David Levy called on Shamir to discuss the public and political reactions to the Aridor scheme and said that various officials had telephoned him, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum was reported as entering the Prime Minister's Office.

Levy then urged Shamir to call the cabinet into urgent session and to take steps to calm the public's panic over the "dollarization" scheme. Levy mentioned the renewed rush on dollars at the banks.

Meanwhile in Tel Aviv, Liberal Party ministers met and decided to demand a cabinet meeting at once to scotch the Aridor scheme and to bring about Aridor's resignation.

When the cabinet met at 6 p.m. it heard Aridor's resignation statement and then met for some 40 minutes more, mainly to decide what emergency steps should be taken "to give the nation the true picture," as one minister told The Jerusalem Post.

Shamir said he would go on television the same evening and stress that nobody need worry about "dollarization." He also said he would check how the report had reached the newspaper. He said he had heard of the Aridor proposal only in general terms, and a couple of ministers added that they had heard passing mention of the idea from Aridor.

Officer demoted for helping Flatto go to Lebanon

TEL AVIV (Iim). — Rav-Seren (Maj.) Avi Bahat, who was convicted in August of helping former MK Samuel Flatto-Sharon twice cross over into Lebanon in an alleged attempt to free Israeli prisoners from terror organizations, was sentenced yesterday by a military court.

Bahat, who headed the missing-soldiers division of the Israel Defence Forces Manpower Branch, was demoted one rank to seran (captain) and severely reprimanded.

Bahat was also given a three-month suspended sentence for skimming off \$1,800 entrusted to him for financing trips abroad for Israeli public figures for meetings relating to the release of the prisoners.



Maj. Sa'ad Haddad meets journalists in Metulla yesterday. (IPPA)

Haddad: Reconciliation meet pointless

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — "I am not Superman and like anyone else I can be sick, tired and exhausted, and that's why I found myself in the hospital," Maj. Sa'ad Haddad, commander of Southern Lebanon said yesterday at a news conference in Metulla.

Asked by a foreign correspondent whether he had cancer, Haddad replied: "I don't think I have cancer. I've been working day and night for seven years. I'm now taking a short vacation in order to recover fully."

He said the reconciliation conference scheduled for Lebanon is a waste of time. All sides are trying to use the time to set up new guns. President Amin Jemayel, he said is like a piece of paper in the wind on which the Americans and the Syrians blow as they please.

UN head urges extension of UNIFIL stay in Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS. — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday recommended a renewal of the mandate of the 5,780-man UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), whose three-month term expires on October 19.

He did not say how long the mandate should last, but referred to a Lebanese request for a six-month renewal this time.

The Security Council will meet next week to extend the life of the force.

In his report to the council, de Cuellar said withdrawal of the force, before the Lebanese government was in a position to assume effective control of the area, would "unquestionably be a serious blow to the prospect of restoring the authority of the Lebanese government in Southern Lebanon as well as to the security and welfare of the local population."

In Canberra yesterday, officials said Australia wants a date to remove its military contingent from the Multinational Peace-keeping Force in Sinai, despite warnings that this move could destroy the organization.

The government does not want its air transport unit of about 100 men to be committed to the force indefinitely, according to Foreign Ministry officials who asked not to be named. (Reuter, AP)

U.S. reviews Mideast policy

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and other senior U.S. policy-makers have opened intensive consultations on the situation in Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East with special envoy Robert McFarlane, just back from the region.

U.S. officials called it the "first high-level Middle East policy review in the past six months and said it would also focus on efforts to revive Reagan's year-old peace initiative.

The New York Times yesterday said administration officials were at the same time "seeking to rebuild what they called a 'strategic' relationship with Israel."

This move comes because senior officials, including Shultz, have become nervous over indications that Israel is today less inclined to use military force in Lebanon as a possible counterweight to Syria.

Israel's scaled-down interest in Lebanon, the officials added, was reflected in its preoccupation over the economic crisis.

The Americans are concerned that these developments will further embolden the Syrians and their Soviet backers to try to undermine President Amin Jemayel's government in Beirut.

U.S. officials said the possible effort to revive the Reagan peace plan has followed indications of greater Jordanian receptiveness in the face of the disarray within the Palestine Liberation Organization.

At the State Department, spokesman John Hughes cautioned reporters against predicting any dramatic changes in U.S. policy as a result of these discussions.

He also insisted that the U.S. and the Jemayel government were closely coordinating strategy in the effort to promote a genuine process of political national reconciliation in Lebanon.

The spokesman was reacting to an interview with Jemayel that appeared yesterday in The New York Times. In the Beirut interview with columnist Flora Lewis, the Lebanese leader called the proposed reconciliation conference "a camouflage, a distraction."

Jemayel expressed some irritation and doubt over the usefulness of the current U.S.-backed approach. The Lebanese factions to be represented, he said, "are not free Lebanese."

"Will they get the Syrians or the Israelis out?" he asked. "There are five foreign armies in Lebanon — Syria, Israel, the PLO, Libyans and Iranians, and nobody is talking about the base of the problem. That's what the American people should know."

Hughes did not want to publicly dispute Jemayel's comments, but insisted the two governments were working closely together.

PRESSURES

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"dollarization" was raised by the Treasury, Mandelbaum said he was leaving the meeting. He changed his mind after Aridor promised him that if the Treasury raised the proposal, he would be entitled to oppose it.

The academics, except Zussman, on the team also opposed "dollarization" and they too absented themselves several weeks ago.

According to some reports, Aridor decided yesterday to leak the details of the "dollarization" plan after senior Herut members decided on Wednesday that should bank shares fall sharply during Sunday, Aridor would be asked to resign.

Aridor leaked news of the plan as a last minute move or to leave the way open for resignation with honour after hearing that the cabinet opposed his programme.

During the early afternoon the Liberal Party went into action and decided to bring about Aridor's resignation. Two of the party's MKs met with Mandelbaum and later the party let it be known unofficially that its demand for the resignation was final.

The main concern of Bank of Israel officials after hearing about Aridor's resignation was restoring public confidence. They were clearly worried about the large sums of dollars bought yesterday after hearing the news of the plan was reported in the media.

Basketball results

The results in the sixth round of basketball last night were:
Hapoel Haifa 100 — Hapoel Ramat Gan 90
Maccabi Haifa 66 — Maccabi South TA 55
Maccabi TA 113 — Hapoel Holon 73
Be'er TA 77 — Maccabi Ramat Gan 70
Hap. Afula 81 — Mac. Kiryat Moshim 79
Hapoel TA 75 — Hapoel Upper Galilee 73

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there will be a memorial service at her house, 129 Sd. Rothschild, Tel Aviv, on Wednesday, October 19, 1983, at 4.30 p.m.

The Family

David Levy rejects post

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy turned down Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's request that he take over Yoram Aridor's place as finance minister. Levy told The Jerusalem Post last night.

Sources close to Levy said he turned down the finance ministry because he is seeking to make a name for himself internationally before again seeking the Herut nomination for the premiership.

"He'd rather have the Foreign Ministry," said the source, who added, "the appointment of a new finance minister could result in the kind of shakeup in which Shamir would give Levy the post." Shamir now holds the Foreign Ministry portfolio as well as the premiership.

Levy said that when appointed housing minister in 1977 "there was a major housing crisis and nobody thought I could do the job."

I don't believe that the job of finance minister is too difficult for me."

But the source close to Levy said the Finance Ministry is now a "political minefield. That's why they're trying to offer it to Ezer Weizman. It'll burn whoever takes it. And David is too smart for that, no matter how prestigious it might look."

Speaking on Israel Radio last



Deputy Prime Minister David Levy arrives at last night's special cabinet session. (Scoop 80)

have been mentioned as candidates for the post, but so far we have decided on any of them. By Sunday or Monday I believe we shall have a decision on a successor to Aridor."

However, a cabinet source hinted that the political configurations involved in appointing any Likud minister or MK to the post may make the appointment almost impossible.

The source said that "what's needed is a knight in shining armour. And we don't have one who is suicidal."

"We'll have to go to an industrialist, a banker or an academic," he explained, echoing suggestion by MK Shlomo Luria during a television interview after

Complaint against TA for removing Dayan's wall

TEL AVIV (Iim). — The registrar of Tel Aviv District Court opened a criminal file yesterday against the municipality and Mayor Shlomo Lahat for having demolished a wall around the former home of the late Moshe Dayan.

The file was opened in response to a complaint submitted by Menashe Bar-Shilton and his wife, who bought the Zahala home from Dayan's widow, Rachel. In their complaint the Bar-Shiltons said that the value of the wall, in which anti-

quities were embedded, was assessed at \$100,000.

The plaintiffs contend that city workers who demolished the wall burst into their property without legal right.

At the time of the demolition, Lahat had said the city had agreed to the construction of the wall, which had been demanded by the Defence Ministry, on condition that it be removed when the defence authorities deemed that Dayan was no longer in need of protection.

Ata to cut staff even if it gets loan

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The troubled Ata textile concern will be forced to dismiss some workers even if its request for a \$10 million government subsidy loan is granted, general manager David Arbel told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

He declined to estimate the number of likely sackings, or when they would be implemented. The company employs nearly 3,000 people at its factories in Haifa and the north.

Arbel said management was drawing up a three-year plan to keep Ata in business, but he emphasised that the scheme depends on receiving the government aid. The immediate priority is to pay off part of Ata's debt, which now stands at about \$20m.

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Wife, Margaret and the family

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The Bereaved Family

Lack of cash stymies Project Renewal plans

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Social programmes for most of the 12 new neighbourhoods accepted into Project Renewal over a year ago have not started yet, because the Jewish Agency has not succeeded in finding Diaspora communities willing to fund them. These programmes include projects for children and the aged.

The funding for social programmes in the comprehensive slum rehabilitation project is usually split between the government and the Agency, but this year the Agency was given responsibility for raising

all of the \$5 million allocated for social programmes in the new renewal areas.

The Agency Board of Governors, however, has rules that no renewal funds may be allocated to a neighbourhood unless a Diaspora "twin" has agreed to raise the money. The Agency renewal department has been trying to persuade wealthy communities that already help one renewal area to take on another, but with limited success.

Only Baltimore, which funds part of the project in Jerusalem's Ir Ganim quarter, has formally agreed

to take on a second area in Kiryat Gat. Appeals to take on a second area have been made to Chicago, Detroit, Nashville, Zurich, Philadelphia and other communities.

Agency officials were pessimistic about the chances of sewing up such twinning agreements by the end of the year. This means that social programmes will probably not start before the next fiscal year.

These officials said that Diaspora communities are reluctant to take on new financial commitments before renewal is phased out in their original areas. There are also

problems of balancing community needs in the Diaspora with allocations to Israel.

The renovation of housing and infrastructure in the new neighbourhoods, which is funded by the Housing Ministry, has begun on a limited scale.

The new neighbourhoods or towns are Gan Yavne, Dimona (Ha'arava neighbourhood), Holon (Tel Gaborim), Yavne (Neot Shazar), Kfar Yona, Lod (Ramat Eshkol), Migdal Ha'emek (western section), Ma'oz Zion, Nes Ziona (Yad Eliezer), Kiryat Gat (Hanevrim), Rehovot (Kfar Gevrol), and Shlomi.

Syrian girls eating snakes 'not newsworthy' for U.S.

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The three major American TV networks did not broadcast film of Syrian teenage girls tearing the flesh of live snakes with their teeth and men strangling puppies — taken during a government event marking the 10th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War — on the grounds that the story was "not newsworthy enough" to U.S. audiences.

One of the scenes was broadcast in black and white on Israel TV's

Mabat newscast on Wednesday night, obtained from an unnamed source who regularly monitors Syrian and Arab TV stations. Mabat's announcer advised viewers that the faint-hearted or children should not look at the screen.

The item showed 16-year-old girls — trainees in the Syrian Ba'ath Party militia — fondling live snakes as President Hafez Assad and other Syrian leaders looked on approvingly. Martial music reached a crescendo as the girls suddenly bit the snakes with their teeth,

repeatedly tore off flesh and spit it out as blood ran down their chins. As the leaders applauded, the girls then attached the snakes to sticks and grilled them over the fire, eating them triumphantly.

A second scene that Israel TV did not show because it was "too gruesome" said correspondent Ehab Yari, a war correspondent who strangled puppies and drank their blood. Israel TV at first hesitated over showing the first scene, but decided that it should be broadcast. ABC correspondents monitoring

the TV news immediately called Israel TV and asked for permission to see and copy the film for their American viewers.

But even though they had obtained permission to copy the film and had been given the technical assistance, their producers in New York decided not to use it on their news programmes, on the grounds that it was "not newsworthy." This

CBS and NBC did not send correspondents and did not broadcast the Syrian TV film.

Uzan wants compensation to reach all large families

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The meeting between Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor called to resolve the dispute over the scope of compensation to low-income groups was cancelled yesterday due to the commotion generated by the "dollarization" plan.

The Labour Ministry announced on Tuesday of measures to compensate low-income groups for the jump in prices of basic commodities stressed that Treasury

agreement to the steps had been obtained in the cabinet. However, Treasury opposition to some of the measures surfaced in the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee on Wednesday.

The Treasury agrees to increase the benefits paid through the National Insurance Institute by 8 per cent, but would limit the special compensation to groups whose income is so low that they qualify for income supplements from the NII. These groups include about a third of old-age pensioners and survivors, most of those receiving disability benefits, and families on welfare.

Uzan wants to increase benefits by 12 per cent and extend the special payment to all old-age pensioners and survivors — even those with higher incomes — and to all families with four or more children. This would make several hundred thousand additional households eligible for the compensation.

The acting director of the NII said yesterday that preparations to pay the compensation by the end of the month were continuing despite the lack of Treasury approval, such approval is necessary in cases of special compensation payments.

It has been suggested that Uzan's decision to include all large families regardless of income is part of the Tami Party's attempt to win the support of this group by providing it with special benefits.

While most large families are in the lowest income groups, and about 17 per cent of all large families are below the poverty line, the vast majority of poor families have either no children or one to three children. In the compensation package proposed by Uzan, most of the 17,000 families below the poverty line with one to three children are left out in the cold.

Kuwaiti, Iraq volumes on sale at Haifa's Arabic fair

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Fiction from Kuwait, children's books from Iraq, dictionaries, religious books and novels from Egypt and Lebanon, and even a few thousand volumes from Israel, are expected to draw thousands of Arabic readers to the seventh annual Arabic Book Week. It opens at the Hagafen, the Arab-Jewish community centre here on Sunday evening.

This is the first time that books from Iraq and Kuwait are joining

the Week, Bet Hagafen director Zvi Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He said the books from the Arab countries were purchased through dealers in Hebron and East Jerusalem. The Lebanese books came from dealers in Sidon.

Altogether 15,000 titles, totalling over 150,000 volumes will be on display. Of these, 70 titles, or 4,000 volumes are from Iraq. These books range from traditional Arabic fairy tales to modern adventure stories and are suitable for the two to 10

age group, Israel said. Asked whether they might not contain anti-Israel propaganda, he said that every title was passed by the military censor.

He said that tens of thousands of dollars were spent on importing the books from neighbouring countries and the government readily allocated the needed currency.

The most difficult books to acquire, he said, were publications, because most Israeli Arab authors publish privately and their books had to be reached out, Israeli said.

Jerusalem and Hebron dealers have branches or close contacts in Amman from which they easily ordered catalogues and the books themselves.

Nevertheless, there will be 150 Israeli Arab titles, adding up to hundreds of volumes on sale.

Israel said the Bet Hagafen Book Week has become the major literary event for the Arabs in Israel and the territories. Customers included the universities of Birzeit, Bethlehem and Hebron, Arab libraries, as well as Jewish universities and institutes.

'Times' continues anti-Shamir campaign

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The campaign in *The Times* to discredit Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, which began on Monday with a hostile editorial decrying his "terrorist" past, is continuing. The paper has now published a report, based on documents from the public records office, showing that Britain tried to prevent Shamir from returning to Palestine following his imprisonment and exile in Eritrea.

The documents, from 1948, include a Foreign Office file describing Shamir as "a most fanatical terrorist" who should be prevented from fomenting "outrages" against British troops.

Shamir, then known as "Yzer-nitzky," and another man, Zaborovsky, were the subject of a telegram sent to the Foreign Office by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, the British High Commissioner in Palestine, urging that the two not be allowed to return to Palestine as they would organize further terrorist activities.

Top UK Conservatives stress their friendship with Israel

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Leading Conservatives went out of their way this week during their annual conference to backpedal on their policy and Israel.

The new chairman of the party, John Selwyn Gummer, attended the lunch hosted by the Conservative Friends of Israel, as did two senior cabinet ministers, Home Secretary Leon Brittan (who is Jewish) and Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler.

Gummer said that Tories were "by nature friends of Israel because of the sharing of the democratic ideals which make our countries what they are."

"Sometimes we will have to say that we disagree," he declared. "That can be done as long as we grasp the fundamental friendship that exists between us."

At the lunch, Home Secretary Brittan also took up the theme of friendship, stating that there "is a common link between Britain and Israel, which he described as 'an oasis of freedom.'"

Brittan welcomed the recent improvement in relations between the two countries. "What unites us far outweighs what divides us."

At a meeting on Wednesday evening organized by the Conservative Friends of Israel and the Anglo-Israel Friendship League, CFI director Michael Fidler announced that membership of the organization was growing and now included over 150 MPs and almost 30 members of the House of Lords.



A sculptor displays his work on high at a Jerusalemite for Teddy (Kollek) art auction this week at the Plaza Hotel. Kollek later decided that the proceeds would be given to the programme providing hot lunches to handicapped children. (Ruhimim Israeli)

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Charles Wick, U.S. Information Agency director (right) arrives at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel on Wednesday evening accompanied by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis at the beginning of his first visit to the country. In a speech yesterday, Wick called on Israel, "with creative diplomacy and courageous leadership," to lead the way to lasting Middle East peace. (Givora Salimi)

Inflation rate likely to hit at least 150%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The inflation rate will hover in the 150-160 per cent region by the end of the year; although during the remaining months of 1983, interest rates will probably decline in real terms. These are two forecasts made yesterday by Euroteam, a financial consultancy firm headed by Dr. Manfred Gerstenfeld and Ilan Barzel.

Euroteam said earlier this year that the 1983 rate would be much ahead of last year's 131.5 per cent, although the general feeling was that it would be much lower, as promised by the authorities.

Gerstenfeld noted yesterday that "the figure of 150-160 per cent may even be too conservative, for it does not take into account three possible factors which might accelerate the inflationary progress." These three factors are: a special cost-of-living allowance to compensate for the recent price hikes in basic commodities; an increase in indirect taxes; and additional cuts in subsidies.

He noted that his projections for the rest of the year were based on three factors: that the cost-of-living index would rise by 9 per cent in September (the figures should be published today); there would be a 15 per cent general increase in prices due to the latest government steps, such as the subsidy cuts and the devaluation; and that the rises in the index during the last three months of the year would be higher than they were last year. The index rose by 8.4, 6.4 and 5.5 per cent respectively in the last three months of 1982.

"In consideration of all this, an inflationary range of 150-160 per cent may be considered an absolute minimum."

As for a drop in real interest rates, Euroteam bases its calculations on the following factors: stoppage of regulation of the prices of bank shares reduced sharply interest in buying them, thus freeing more money which will begin circulating; the former regulation of the bank shares kept up expectations of high yields; the demand for these bank shares constituted about half of all shares traded on the stock market; in the past the nominal interest could not keep up with the index when inflation was soaring, and banks will have difficulties raising their fees without facing strong public reactions.

Soviets ban visitors from city where Begun is on trial

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

No information regarding the trial of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun is available to the outside world, since the Soviets have closed the city of Vladimir, where the trial is being held, to all visitors.

A number of people in North America and Holland who had applied for Soviet tourist visas with the intention of visiting Vladimir were turned down, according to the Israel Public Council on Soviet Jewry. Attempts to call aliyah activists in Russia from various parts of Israel were also fruitless.

Begun, 51, went on trial this week for promoting Jewish culture and the Hebrew language. President Chaim Herzog yesterday called on the Soviets to release Begun. Herzog said that the Jewish people are the 15th largest nationality — out of 116 — in the Soviet Union, and that they have the same right as any other to study their culture and language.

Herzog stated that Begun has violated no Soviet law. He added that the Jewish people stand firmly behind the Prisoner of Zion on trial. Five of Begun's former Hebrew language students who now live in Israel yesterday began a hunger strike, demanding Begun's release. A demonstration on his behalf was held yesterday evening at the Western Wall with the participation of MKs Menachem Hacohen, Akiva Nof, Haim Druckman and Dror Zeigerman.

The academics also called on their colleagues around the world to rally around Begun.

Russian honoured to win Wolf Prize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prof. Mark Krein, the Russian recipient of the 1983 Wolf Prize in Mathematics, has written to the Wolf Foundation here expressing his honour at receiving the prize and his regrets

that "health and other reasons" prevented him from attending the awards ceremony last May.

Krein shares the \$100,000 prize with Prof. Hassler Whitney of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton.

Suspect confesses to Katamon murder

A suspect in the murder on Tuesday in Jerusalem of David Ben-Yishai turned himself over to the Jerusalem police Tuesday evening after police called on members of his family and persuaded them to urge him to give himself up.

The police knew the identity of the suspect soon after the murder, after they had located the owner of the car used by the suspect to escape. One of the neighbours had managed to take down his number. The suspect, 26, confessed to the murder and explained that the motive for it was a dispute between

him and his victim that had been going on for a year. The dispute was about a relative of Ben-Yishai, who is the suspect's girlfriend.

He told the police that on the night before the murder he accompanied the girl home and then stole a Galil rifle from her brother, who is serving in the army. On Tuesday morning he took a pick-up belonging to the owner of the *piya* bakery where he worked and drove to Ben-Yishai's house. After Ben-Yishai opened the door to him, he fired 10 shots at him at close range and fled, he told his interrogators. (Itim)

USS Mahan on four-day visit

HAIFA. — The nearly 400-man crew of the U.S. Sixth Fleet guided missile destroyer USS Mahan arrived here for a four-day rest and recreation visit yesterday morning.

"We have been at sea continuously since we left our last port of call, Ashdod, on July 31," her CO, Commander Jette Brown, told *The Jerusalem Post* at a reception given by City Councillor Aharon Shapira at the Town Hall, shortly after their arrival. He was accompanied by assistant U.S. Naval Attache Commander Ronald Wilcox.

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One million mourn Korean ministers

SEOUL. — Seventeen South Koreans killed in a terrorist bombing in Burma were eulogized yesterday as "proud pillars of this country" and buried on a hillside cemetery overlooking the Han River and their capital city.

A throng of mourners estimated at one million or more earlier filled a sprawling plaza for a national funeral service for the bomb victims that included four cabinet ministers.

South Korea has charged that North Korea was behind the bomb blast in Rangoon last Sunday.

After earlier denying the charges, North Korea yesterday warned Seoul against aggravating tensions on this divided peninsula. It said the accusations were groundless.

Government officials here said however that South Korean investigators in Rangoon had concluded that items seized from three Koreans apprehended in connection with the blast were similar to those used by North Korean armed saboteurs who had infiltrated the south.

A dispatch from the South Korean Embassy said the investigators reached the conclusion after inspecting radio transmitters, small-arms ammunition, knives and other articles. They explained this to Burmese investigators, the officials said.

The embassy report also quoted a Burmese official as saying that he did not anticipate much difficulty in

uncovering the truth about the Rangoon blast as he said considerable material evidence had already been secured.

It said the Burmese government also agreed to grant Seoul's request to interrogate the captured Koreans as soon as their conditions improved.

The high-ranking officials who came to Seoul for the funeral service included U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, who said before returning to Washington he was here to "pay homage to those brave and distinguished public servants who lost their lives on a mission of peace and international goodwill." (AP, Reuters)

Guatemalan papers publish rebel message despite ban

GUATEMALA CITY (AP). — Three of Guatemala's four morning newspapers defied a government order on Wednesday and printed a guerrilla communiqué that leftist rebels had demanded be published to obtain a kidnapped newspaper executive's release.

The major radio news programs also broadcast the communiqué.

Col. Pablo Nula, spokesman for Gen. Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores' military government, called the publication and broadcasts "a violation of the law" and said the government would prosecute.

"They were aware that the publication of this document violated several Guatemalan laws,"

Nula said. "The state will be obligated to enforce the law in this case."

The Guatemalan Workers Party, a communist guerrilla group, had demanded publication of its three-page communiqué as a condition for the release of Pedro Julio Garcia, 60-year-old director of the conservative *Prensa Libre*.

Garcia was abducted before dawn Sunday by men who shot the lock off the garage door at his home in the southern part of Guatemala City. Relatives said the Guatemalan Workers Party, which later claimed responsibility, also is demanding an unspecified amount of money for Garcia's release.

'Nearby' black hole swallows stars

LONDON (Reuters). — A black hole is swallowing stars in a galaxy next door to ours, according to satellite observations published yesterday.

The hole, weighing between 50 and 100 million times more than the sun, is at the core of the galaxy NGC 4151, Britain's *New Scientist* reported.

The galaxy is 50 million light years from our Milky Way galaxy. The evidence comes from the international ultraviolet Explorer

satellite, a joint project of the U.S., Britain and the European Space Agency, which carries a 45-cm telescope to study ultraviolet radiation.

Stars in the centre of NGC 4151 are gradually being drawn into the black hole's gravitational field and swallowed up, the magazine report said.

The discovery showed the hole was half-way to swallowing up the whole galaxy.

French premier silent on aircraft delivery to Iraq

PARIS (AP). — Premier Pierre Mauroy, appearing yesterday before the Senate, refused to comment on reports quoting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as saying five French Super-Étendard aircraft had not yet been delivered.

News reports from the Iraqi capital cited Hussein as telling reporters during a news conference that the Super-Étendards, capable of launching the deadly, surface-skimming Exocet missiles, had not yet arrived but were scheduled to be delivered before the end of the month.

"The government is not going to confirm or deny the many statements that are circulating about the delivery of military material," Mauroy said in response to a question from Senator Guy Cabanel.

The premier said the Senators must understand the government's reserve in the area of arms sales. Informed sources at a French naval air station in Brittany said last week that the five aircraft, which

Iraq wants to use to bolster its forces in its three-year-old war with Iran, left France a week ago and arrived in Iraq on Sunday.

The French government has consistently refused to comment on the reports.

Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has threatened to block the Hormuz Strait at the mouth of the Persian Gulf and to cut off all exports from the area if Iraq uses the French planes to attack Iranian oil facilities.

The news reports from Baghdad quoted Hussein as saying he did not exclude the possibility that Khomeini would take such action, saying the Iranian leader was "a crazy man."

EMBASSY. — A hand grenade was hurled at U.S. Marines guarding the temporary offices of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut yesterday, slightly wounding a guard, an embassy spokesman said.

Canadians charged with defrauding terrorists

TORONTO (AP). — A court hearing was scheduled today for two Canadians accused of conspiring to defraud North Korean terrorists willing to pay for the assassination of South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan.

The case, which has been proceeding quietly in the courts since early last year, takes on added significance following Sunday's bombing in Rangoon, which killed four South Korean cabinet ministers.

Charles Yanover, 38, and Michael Gerol, 34, both of Toronto, originally were charged with conspiracy to murder Chun, who was to be killed while on a visit to the Philippines.

But after a lengthy preliminary hearing, that charge was dropped and the two men were accused of conspiracy to defraud the North Koreans, who have not been identified.

Also charged with conspiracy to murder the South Korean President is Jung Hwa Choi, a Korean-born naturalized Canadian.

Study shows Soviet kids fear nuclear war

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (AP). — A group of Soviet children interviewed by American psychiatrists working for an anti-nuclear organization seemed to have detailed knowledge about the effects of nuclear war and had fears they would not survive one, a spokesman for the organization says.

American children were also interviewed and the Soviet youngsters seemed to be more optimistic than the Americans that nuclear war would not occur, said Dr. Eric Chivian of Harvard University, who headed the project.

The project, sponsored by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, interviewed 50 Soviet youths on videotape and 300 others by written questionnaire, and an unspecified number of U.S. children. The Soviet children were

not selected by the government, according to the psychiatrists.

Dr. James Muller, the anti-nuclear group's secretary, said Soviet subjects were chosen by psychiatrists who were allowed to talk at length to children at two large camps and to ascertain that they had not been "prepped."

"The Soviet kids seem to have a great deal of detailed and accurate knowledge about the effects of nuclear weapons," Chivian said. "This is important because of reports that this has been kept from Soviet children..."

"The fact that none of the kids interviewed, and only a few of those taking the questionnaire, believe in the possibility of surviving means there must be an overwhelming message from TV, schools, and other media sources that nuclear war is a global event that is not survivable," Chivian said.

Soviet children become aware of the dangers of nuclear war at about age 7, Chivian said, while in the U.S. the age is 10 or 12.

"If American rockets can reach us in half an hour," said Katya, 14, in a 20-minute videotape, "there won't be time to defend ourselves." "Nyet," added her friend Larisa. "You couldn't live in bomb shelters... You couldn't survive a nuclear war because the nuclear radioactivity lasts so long."

The Soviet teenagers' U.S. contemporaries expressed similar fears. "You get a few crazy people, press a couple of buttons and blow up the world," an American boy said.

The group hopes to show the tape in the Soviet Union, the U.S. and 30 other countries.

Jakarta prisoners are afraid to go free

JAKARTA (AP). — When President Suharto granted freedom to 3,198 jail inmates in this year's National Day Amnesty, prison administrators were surprised to find that hundreds preferred to remain behind bars.

Many who reluctantly accepted release did so only after trying to extract guarantees for their personal safety on the outside.

There are no official figures on how many preferred the security of prison just as there are no exact estimates on how many criminals and former criminals have been slain in an 18-month wave of officially-sanctioned murders.

Before the government told editors to stop carrying stories about the slayings several months ago, published reports put the known death toll at 550. Other sources said more than 1,000 had been killed by October 1. The Hong Kong-based *Far Eastern Economic Review* said in its September 29 issue that the countrywide target was 4,000 extrajudicial murders.

Indonesian newspapers are still banned from reporting the discovery of bodies of criminals. However, knowledgeable readers note an increase in dispatches describing a decrease in crime in major cities and assume that outlaws are still being killed.

Western diplomats and one In-

donesian official told the Associated Press that hit teams seem to be less active these days.

The official described the crackdown on crime on condition that he not be identified. "It began in east Java early last year after several ghastly mutilations and murders."

It was obvious that the underpaid and undermanned police force no longer could cope, he said. Indonesia has only 119,000 police for a nation of 150 million.

A local army commander stepped in and started hunting down known criminals with a list provided from police records, the official said. Four-man teams dressed in civilian clothes but with telltale military haircuts tracked down prominent lawbreakers. Bodies with tattoos — a criminal trademark in Indonesia — were found, most of them with several point-blank shots in the head.

The campaign seemed to get high level blessing on August 17, 1982 in Suharto's National Day state of the nation speech. The crime rate had increased substantially but would be reduced, he said.

Tattooed corpses of former prisoners and others with criminal records began turning up in Bandung, Jogjakarta and other cities in central and west Java late last year. West Java alone counted 113 bodies. So many bullet-riddled

bodies were found floating in west Java's Indramayu River near Tasikmalaya that fish sales in the local market were depressed.

The campaign picked up steam in Jakarta with the launching early this year of a formal anti-crime drive called "Operation Sickle." Police sources said 13 suspected criminals were killed in separate incidents in one night last May.

Newspapers developed a distinctive vocabulary to report the wave of killings which were described as the work of *Penembak Misterius* (mysterious gunman) or "petrus" for short. Their victims were *gali* (gangs of criminal youth) or *Bramocorah* (bandits).

"Welcome Mysterious Gunmen" bumper stickers went on sale. Hospitals reported that scores of frightened young men sought plastic surgery to remove tattoos.

Any pretence that the government had not sanctioned the murders was dropped in July when Lt.-Gen. Ali Murtopo told reporters that the bloodbath was carried out "in accordance with the enforced stipulations" of the Defence and Security Ministry.

Not everyone was pleased. "It is feared that taking such (judicial) shortcuts will become the accepted way of solving problems," said Endang Murtatien, chairman of the National Council of Religious Scholars.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL Perpetuating the Memory of Those Who Fell in the HA'APALA (illegal immigration)

The Government of Israel has decided to issue certificates, perpetuating the memory of those who fell in the Ha'apala. These certificates will be presented in the name of the Government, by the Minister of Immigrant Absorption, Mr. Aharon Uzan, to the families of those who fell. Certificates can be issued with respect to every person who lost his life, on land, at sea or in the air, after setting out to immigrate illegally into Palestine or the State of Israel, and every person who died while working in a Ha'apala framework. Requests for such certificates may be submitted by a member of the family of the person concerned, or an organization of which he was a member. Those submitting requests should explain why a certificate should be issued for the person concerned, and submit a declaration testifying to the facts. Certificates will be issued for those who died in the period, from the imposition by the Mandate authorities of limitations on immigration on Palestine — the date taken being November 2, 1917, the date of the Balfour Declaration — to the present.

A member of the family or relative who considers himself entitled (and wishes) to receive such a certificate may complete the appropriate questionnaire, and send it to: Service Ribbons Unit, Ministry of Defence, Kirya, Tel Aviv 61 909.

The questionnaire is available at the following locations: Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, Spokesman's Bureau, Building 8, Kirya, Jerusalem

The questionnaire can also be obtained through the post, write to The Service Ribbons Unit, Ministry of Defence, Kirya, Tel Aviv 61 909, or to the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, Spokesman's Bureau, Building 8, Kirya, Jerusalem. Telephone numbers — Service Ribbons Unit 03-212671, Min. of Absorption, Spokesman's Bureau: 02-671171. The questionnaire should be completed in clear handwriting. Answer all the questions accurately, bearing in mind the instructions given on the questionnaire.

AROUND THE WORLD

Founder of Soviet peace group goes on trial

MOSCOW (AP). — Oleg Radzinsky, a founding member of Moscow's independent peace group, went on trial yesterday after more than a year in prison charged with disseminating anti-Soviet propaganda. Five members of the group to establish trust between the USSR and the U.S. tried to attend the trial, but were detained and taken to a police station.

Ten group members, including the five detained at the trial, began a hunger strike yesterday to protest Radzinsky's treatment and to call attention to the fate of "grass-roots" peace activists in the Soviet Union, according to Olga Medvedkova, a founding member of the group.

Liverpool finally decides to honour the Beatles

LONDON (Reuters). — The Beatles are finally being officially recognized by their home city of Liverpool, two decades after their rise to fame.

The three surviving members of the former pop quartet are to be invited back to Liverpool to accept the Freedom of the City next year. The city council on Wednesday confirmed a long-awaited plan to honour George Harrison, Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney at a special ceremony. John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, may also be asked to accept an award on his behalf.

Grandson of Chinese hero executed as rapist

PEKING (AP). — The grandson of Chu Teh, China's most illustrious general, was executed with 81 other criminals last month after his conviction as ringleader of a rape and robbery gang, Chinese sources said on Wednesday.

Zhu Guohua was convicted and executed on several rape and robbery charges. He was the leader of a gang in Tianjin, said the sources. The method of execution is a single bullet to the back of the head of a kneeling criminal, according to a Chinese source who said he witnessed a mass execution a month ago in Inner Mongolia.

The executions — carried out as part of a crackdown on crime — are believed to number between 1,000 and 2,000 since August and well-informed diplomats say the target is 5,000 executions by the end of October or November. The arrest target is said to be 50,000 to 80,000 nationwide.

Greece threatens to end active NATO role

ATHENS (AP). — Greece threatened on Wednesday to end active participation in NATO unless the U.S. radically changes its military flying regulations.

Premier Andreas Papandreu's socialist government claimed earlier this week that U.S. jets from the carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower entered Greek airspace illegally on 33 occasions during NATO maneuvers in the Aegean Sea area.

In reply to a formal Greek protest, a U.S. Embassy announcement said "U.S. aircraft don't file flight plans when taking part in NATO exercises in accordance with international law and practice."

The Greek government rejected the explanation and said it wanted "a satisfactory reply" from Washington.

Filipino women marchers appeal to soldiers

MANILA (Reuters). — About 20,000 people demonstrated in Manila's financial district yesterday as a procession of women paraded through the streets and appealed to the Philippines armed forces not to kill their menfolk.

Dressed in white and carrying yellow flowers, the women were led by politicians, film stars and female relatives of assassinated opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

They carried banners and letters addressed to soldiers appealing to them not to kill their husbands, fathers, brothers and sons.

"The next Filipino you kill may be your own son," the form letter read, in an apparent reference to clashes last month between security forces and demonstrators trying to force their way to the home of President Ferdinand Marcos.

Kissinger warns El Salvador on rights abuses

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Henry Kissinger warned El Salvador on Wednesday against permitting human-rights abuses as it fights leftist guerrilla insurrection.

In a clear reference to a recent resurgence of rightist death squads, the former U.S. secretary of state told interim president Alvaro Magana: "The American people must not be asked to choose between security and human rights."

Kissinger, who arrived in the morning heading a bipartisan U.S. commission on Central America, discussed Central American strife with Magana behind closed doors at the presidential palace, then issued a brief policy statement to reporters.

Peking dog owners told to have pets destroyed

PEKING (Reuters). — The city government is banning all dogs at the end of the month and owners are being ordered to have their pets destroyed, an official daily has reported.

From November 1, the Peking daily said, it will be illegal to own a dog anywhere in the capital and its suburbs without official approval.

Chinese sources hinted that permission would be very hard to obtain. Peking authorities, meanwhile, have started the grass growing over the dusty city. Hardly a blade of grass could be seen in the Chinese capital a few years ago, but to offset the spring sandstorms that come howling down from the Gobi Desert, about 640 kilometres northwest in Mongolia, city officials are planting patches of grass along sidewalks around factories and schools and some residential quarters.

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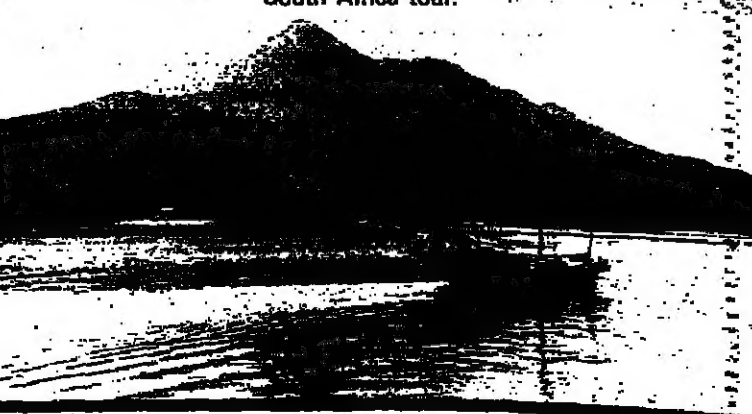
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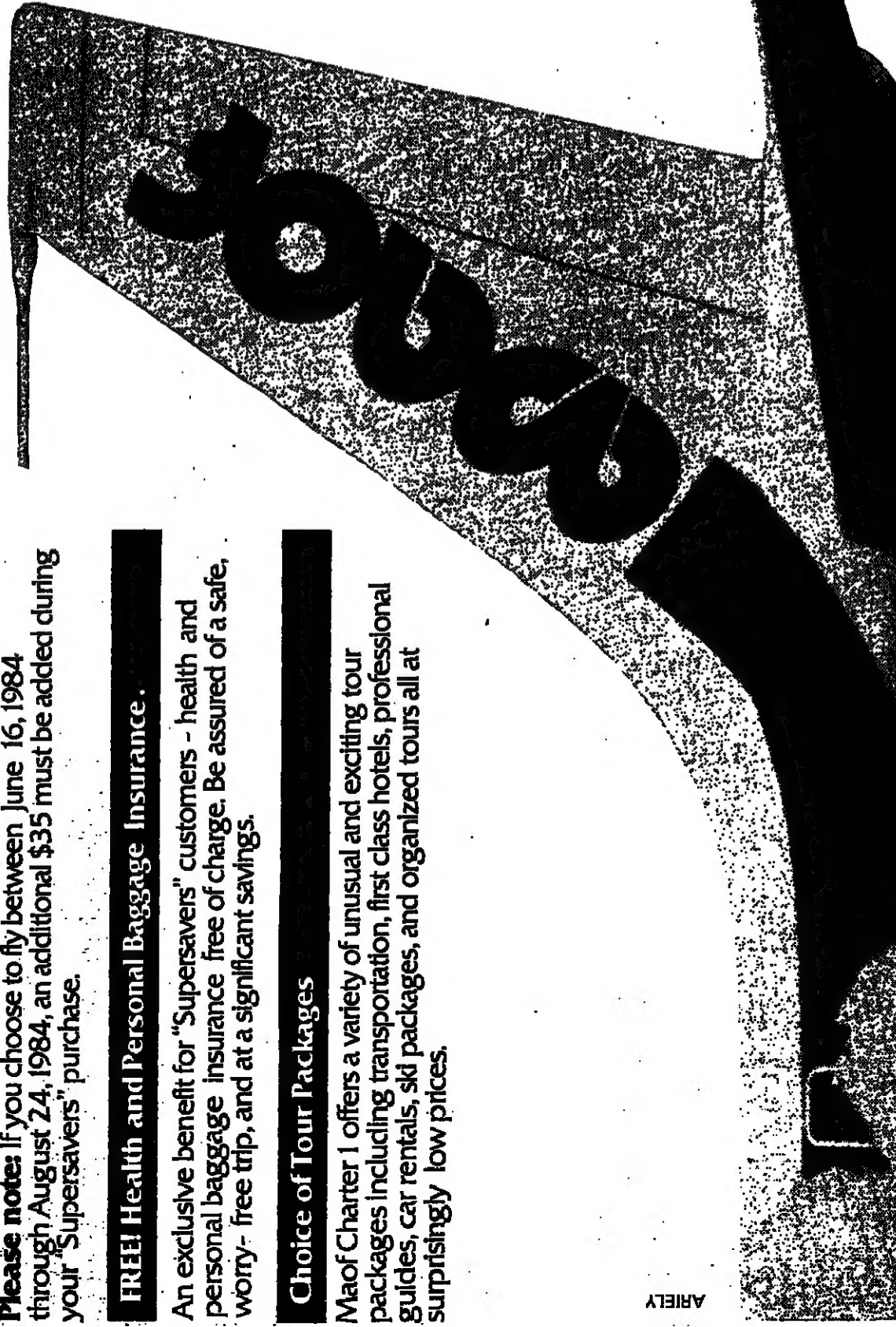
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THE BEST PROGNOSIS for the new government comes, not inappropriately, from Dr. Yosef Burg. The minister of interior and religious affairs, whose doctorate from the Leipzig Pedagogical Institute is certainly not in medicine, sounded very much the sagacious physician when he compared Yitzhak Shamir's government to a man who had just suffered a severe heart attack. "The life expectancy of such a patient," said Burg, "ranges from 20 seconds to 20 years."

Our most senior minister in length of service was speaking at midweek, before Thursday's dramatic events which culminated with the resignation of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. One cannot help but wonder how long he now expects the patient to survive.

UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON, it appeared that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was prepared to wait at least a fortnight before reshuffling his cabinet. Now he will have to move much more quickly, despite the prickly political problems involved.

Among those who must be considered in line for the job are Liberal Party chairman Yitzhak Moda'i, the minister of energy who has been one of Aridor's most severe cabinet critics. But the controversy-prone Moda'i seems to face substantial opposition from his own party's cabinet ministers. Not long ago, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt, Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir and Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron cautioned Shamir against making Moda'i the fourth Likud finance minister (after Simcha Ehrlich, Yigael Hurvitz and Aridor). At this writing, the only supporter Moda'i has in the cabinet is a newcomer, Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper.

MEANWHILE, Shamir soon will have another cabinet vacancy to fill. The underemployed Minister for Economic Coordination, Ya'acov Meridor, is said to be ready to leave government service.

Until this afternoon, it seemed that the Meridor slot would be a good place into which to kick Aridor upstairs. With Aridor out of the picture, either Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel or Ronnie Milo, the Herut Knesset whip, seems a likely candidate. Dekel and Milo, it will be recalled,

were Shamir's main lieutenants in his successful run for the Herut leadership.

SHAMIR MYSTERY. When was the new prime minister born? There seems to be some confusion, as befits a man who spent so much time in the underground and the Mossad. According to the official Foreign Ministry biography, Shamir was born on October 15, 1915, which means that he celebrates his 68th birthday tomorrow. But David Tidhar's *Encyclopedia of the Founders and Pioneers of the Yishuv* gives the former Yitzhak Jezersky's date of birth as November 3, 1914 in Bialystok, making him almost 69.

At least both sources do agree on his Hebrew birthday — 14 Heshvan, which this year falls on October 21.

THE HEAD of Herut's municipal election campaign, Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman, has ample time for party politics these days. Aridor froze Kaufman out of all policy-making after the deputy had the temerity to tell him his main weakness is an incapacity to work with others as equals, preferring experts and functionaries.

THE PORTLY figure Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira (looking more like a bearded Sidney Greenstreet than ever) was in high profile this week, not as coalition executive chairman, but as chairman of the state bank's advisory council. Although he strongly denied his mediating role between the authorities and the bank, it's no secret that he was prominent in the complicated wheeling-and-dealing that preceded the bail-out of the banks. In Likud circles, it is said that Shapira intervened out of concern for the fate of his favourite banking institution, the United Mizrahi Bank, and was even ready to threaten to pull Aguda out of the coalition to win state backing.

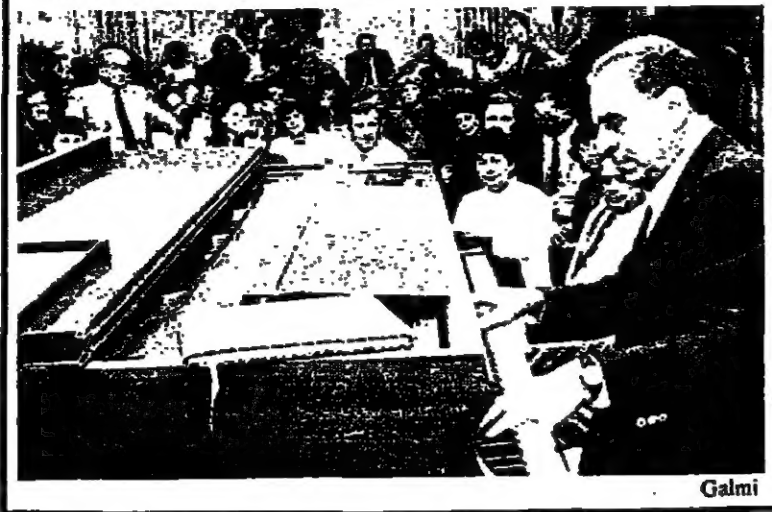
The extent to which bank governor Moshe Mandelbaum was involved is not quite clear. Although those in the know reminded me of the banking crisis in 1981, when Aridor accused Mandelbaum of going behind his back and colluding with Mizrahi Bank chief Aharon Meir's bid to take over the First International Bank of Israel. At the time, Shapira was reportedly involved in the scheme, which had the active support of NRP's Minister Burg, leader

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

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(Above) Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Dr. Yosef Burg. (Below) Charles Wick, director of the U.S. Information Agency, takes a turn at the piano during 66th birthday reception for him.



of the Lamifne faction to which both Mandelbaum and Meir belong.

THE TEL AVIV Stock Exchange has the unlikeliest neighbour at its permanent address at the corner of Rehov Ahad Ha'am (who spoke of

the Jewish state as a spiritual centre) and Rehov Karl Netter (who believed in the productivization of the Jewish people). He is Arye (Lova) Ellav who still lives in the family home on Rehov Karl Netter. This week he took a bus to Kiryat Shmona to meet his pupils from the

adult education scheme he ran there from 1980 to 1981. Addressing a reception at the Tzavta club, he said: "I've fled from the worship of the golden calf. Believe me, I don't shed a single tear over what I see from my window."

JERUSALEM Herut leader Yehoshua Matza tried a diversionary tactic when public anger began to grow against the great bank share rip-off, by organizing a nighttime torch-lit procession to the Labour Party branch offices, protesting against the late Golda Meir government's handling of the Yom Kippur War. They did not enjoy a merry reception from the public. One neighbour poured water to douse the torches, and after the Herutniks chanted: "No more Labour — we'll never forget the Mehdai," a bystander shouted: "First let the Likud give me my money back!"

THE REPORT that the public had half a billion dollars in cash at home prompted a number of questions. According to Israel Radio's Michael Roller, a tinsmith with the appropriate name of David Rotshchild has been asked by a customer to prepare a double storage bottom for an aluminium pot. He also reported the following questions being asked: Can the greenbacks be eaten by moths? Will a refrigerator be damaged if the notes are stored in the freezer?

WHILE Arik Sharon gets an ego massage in the Mahane Yehuda market (Arik for premier), his successor, Defence Minister Moshe Arens has been lecturing in kibbutz Hulda and Na'an. His courtly good manners so charmed his audiences that, agreeing to disagree on ideology, one kibbutznik marvelled: "You're such a nice guy, how did you ever get to Herut?" In Hulda he appealed to the kibbutz movement to urge more of their sons to volunteer to become pilots and serve in elite army units. He repeated that he would vote again today against Camp David agreements, which he noted only got through the Knesset with Labour votes.

THE TWO chief rabbis of Israel, Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliash, have put off their planned departure for America this coming week. The official reason given was that the Sephardi chief rabbi wished to coordinate his itinerary with that of his Ashkenazi colleague.

On enquiry, a different story emerges. It seems that Rabbi Eliash did not wish his path to cross that of his predecessor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, today world Sephardi spiritual leader, who is on a pastoral

tour of the American Sephardi communities. It's a matter of protocol, because both men bear the title of Rishon LeZion.

THE Tehiya-Gush Emunim-backed *Nekuda* magazine of the settlers of Judea, Samaria and Gaza printed an attack on "unpatriotic phenomena in Israel" by Kiryat Arba lawyer Elyakim Ha'etzal, wherein he sought to damage Mayor Teddy Kollek's re-election campaign by accusing him of "logistically" helping John Le Carré to write his pro-PLO novel *The Little Drummer Girl* by accommodating him at Mishkenot Sha'ananim. Wonder why the right-winger left out the Likud-Tehiya government's logistic help to the makers of the film based on the novel.

THE highly-praised Nativ drama school has received a 25th "birthday present" from Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat — notification that it has to leave its part of the Nordau school building it has used for the past 20 years. Chich already reneged on a promise to give the school decent premises. When I phoned Lahat's cultural affairs aide, Maya Dimschick, she assured me that the mayor would not allow Nativ's school to be pushed into the street.

PLANS DEPT. Aura Herzog, wife of President Chaim Herzog, this week heard of plans to hold a congress of women journalists next May in Israel, when she received Lili Panso, president of the Association International de Journalistes de la Presse Feminine, and AIJPF's secretary-general, Ruth Elliott, together with AIJPF's vice-president and head of its Israeli branch, Tehila Ofer (Ma'ariv). Ofer told me that AIJPF has members in 30 countries, including East European ones. She hopes the Eastern Europeans will come here too, as well as women journalists from Egypt. *The Post's* Joanna Yehiel will be liaison for the Jerusalem sessions of the congress.

NA'AMAT general-secretary Masha Lubelsky has gone abroad to raise more money to pay for the rising costs of caring for 40,000 children in the Histadrut women's educational network. After attending the convention of Canadian Pioneer Women at Windsor, Ontario, presided over by Pearl Makler, she flies to Baltimore for the U.S. Pioneer Women convention presided over by Phyllis Sutter, where she will bestow the Golda Meir Award on U.S. Ambassador to the UN Jeanne Kirkpatrick.

AMONG the many visitors to the Agrotech fair was a sizeable delegation from the U.S. west coast

led by Californian secretary of state, Dr. March Fong Eu. The third generation American is head of her state's world trade commission. Recently she was rated by *Time* magazine as one of the four women holding top political jobs in America. I gather that Dr. Eu will be a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1984. She was especially interested in Israeli solar energy developments. The Californians were accompanied by the Israeli economic consul in Los Angeles, Rafti Yitzhaki, who organized the visit.

MAPAM veteran Ya'acov Majas has located his Middle East Peace Institute in the building in his home Kibbutz Gat that served as the venue for the meeting in 1948 between the O.C. Southern Command, Yigal Allon, and the head of the Egyptian forces besieged in the "Faluja pocket," Gamal Abdel Nasser, which preceded the Rhodes armistice talks.

THE RECEPTION hosted by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and his wife Sallie this week turned into a smashing 66th birthday party for the guest of honour, U.S. Information Agency director Charles Wick. Wick and his wife, Mary Jane, are close personal friends of America's First Couple, Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

The evening's entertainment was launched by singer Sandra Johnson and pianist Liz Magaes, who rendered a selection of George Gershwin and Cole Porter songs. Lewis also convinced one of the guests, Dan Gottfried, to perform on the Baby Grand, but could not persuade composer Dahl Zeltzer to do the same. Taking his failure in stride, the ambassador comments that he'd "been trying to win an argument with an Israeli for the past six and a half years." Afterwards, Lewis sat down at the piano to lead a sing-along of all-American songs.

Among the guests at the party were Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor and his wife Raya; Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt; Herut Knesset whip Ronnie Milo; Government Secretary Dan Meridor; Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin and his wife Annette; Tel Aviv University rector Prof. Yoram Dinstein and TAU Middle East expert Prof. Itamar Rabinovich; actor Oded Kettler and choreographer Bob Kahan.

Also present was Menachem Begin's *chef de bureau*, Yehiel Kadishai, who told Wick he could see the former premier "in about ten days." Kadishai, by the way, is one of a group of Begin aides who have stayed on with Shamir, at least for the time being.

Kentucky General Election

1. Kentucky residents will vote in a general election on November 8 to choose a Governor and a Lieutenant Governor.
2. Overseas U.S. citizens may apply by mail to register and vote absentee.
3. Active members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses and dependants may apply for permanent registration by submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Clerk (County Board of Elections for Louisville), County of Voting residence not later than 30 days before the election.
4. All other persons must register by using a State registration form which may be obtained by sending an FPCA to the County Clerk (County Board of Elections in Louisville), County of Voting residence. The State form must be completed and returned not later than 30 days before the election.
5. Persons other than members of the U.S. Armed Forces in active military service may apply for an absentee ballot in writing, not later than seven days before the election. The clerk or board should be able to forward absentee ballots approximately 15 days before the election. Ballots should be notarized by an American Consular Officer at the American Embassy, 71 Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv, Monday through Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. OR at the American Consulate General, Consular Section, Nablus Road, East Jerusalem, Monday through Fridays, 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

General Election in Utah

1. Utah will hold a general election on November 8, to fill the seats of Mayor, City Commissioners, and City Councilmen throughout the state.
2. Overseas U.S. citizens may apply for an absentee ballot by sending a completed Federal Post Card application (FPCA) to the County Clerk of voting residence. One completed FPCA serves as a simultaneous request for registration and an absentee ballot and must be received by election officials not later than five days before the election.
3. Permanently registered Utah voters absent from their county of residence may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting a completed FPCA to the County Clerk in the County of voting residence — persons within the United States must apply not later than five days before the election and those overseas not later than 20 days before the election. Normally, absentee ballots requested by FPCA will be processed not earlier than 30 days before the election, and should be notarized by an American Consular Officer at the American Embassy, 71 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv, Monday through Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. OR at the American Consulate General, Consular Section, Nablus Road, East Jerusalem, Monday through Fridays, 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
4. The Department urges all absentee voters to register and request an absentee ballot early, and then to "vote" it and return it as quickly as possible.

Mississippi Voters to Elect State's Highest Official

1. Mississippi has a full slate of state officials up for election on November 8. On the ballot will be candidates for the office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Senators and representatives, and other state and county officials.
2. Overseas U.S. citizens may apply by mail for registration and to request an absentee ballot.
3. Overseas electors claiming their voting rights solely under the overseas citizens voting rights act of 1975, are not permitted to vote in this non-Federal election.
4. Mississippi citizens may apply for permanent registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card application (FPCA) in time to reach the city or county registrar in the city or country of residence not later than 30 days before the election. The registrar will forward to the applicant an affidavit of registration and an absentee ballot which must be returned with the "voted" ballot. When the affidavit and the ballot are received by the registrar and if the voter is found qualified, the applicant's registration becomes permanent.
5. Persons already registered may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the city or county registrar, county of voting residence.
6. Non-registered persons may submit a single FPCA to simultaneously request an affidavit of registration and an absentee ballot. An FPCA used for this purpose must reach the registrar not later than 30 days before the election.
7. Ballots should be notarized by an American Consular Officer at the American Embassy, 71 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv, Monday through Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. OR at the American Consulate General, Consular Section, Nablus Road, East Jerusalem, Monday through Fridays, 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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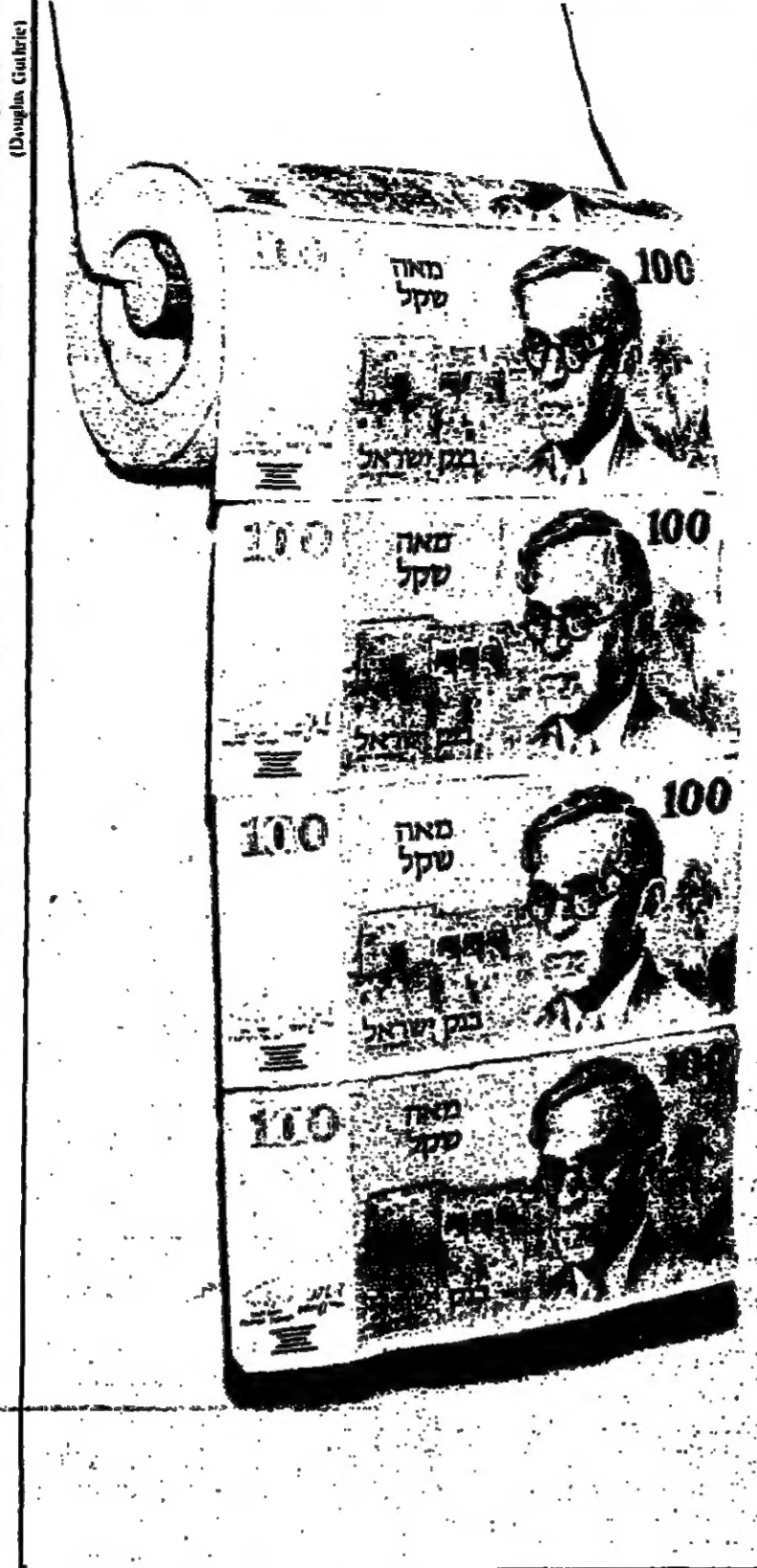
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Anatomy of a crisis

By DAVID KRIVINE / Jerusalem Post Correspondent



THE PRESENT bank crisis had taken place 60 years ago. It would have led to an economic collapse in Israel comparable to the slump that overtook Western Europe and North America in the 1930s.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, governments now exercise unlimited powers in the monetary field. Just as the Treasury under Finance Minister Yoram Aridor had a share in bringing the banks to ruin, so that same ministry is able to rescue them on the brink of disaster, prevent mass bankruptcies and restore the economy to an even keel.

The whole disreputable affair began several years ago when the stock exchange boom took hold. The average ordinary share bought at the end of 1979 came to be worth 3 1/2 times more in real terms (that is, over and above the general price rise) by the end of 1982.

Plainly this was speculation; the asset-value or earning-power represented by the security had not multiplied 3 1/2-fold during the intervening period. Bank shares moved more cautiously, their value increased just under 2 1/2 times, reinforcing the view that this was a sound paper — at least compared with other securities in the equity market.

Then came the pay-off. The average ordinary share, which had gone up in 1979-82 by 3 1/2 times, lost one-quarter of its value by October 6 this year. Bank shares should have gone down, too, if by less — but they didn't. And at this point the crisis started to shape up.

THE BIG FOUR banking groups — Leumi, Hapoalim, Discount and Azura — had been very successful, were enormously rich and became immensely acquisitive. They have bought up in recent years almost everything in sight. Most recently the giant Israel Corporation was swallowed up by the even more gigantic Clal Investments — whose biggest shareholder is Bank Hapoalim.

Financial houses of this stature could not tolerate the prospect of the value of their stock being eroded. It happened that the Treasury did not want such a development either. Something had to be salvaged from the failure of the capital market. The banks were easily persuaded that they had a patriotic task to perform: By holding up the price of their shares, they were preventing a disintegration of the stock exchange.

Investors might be disillusioned with the ups and downs of industrial and other fly-by-night portfolios, but there was always a refuge with the banks. The banks were safe, their paper never declined. By keeping the public happy in that way they were also serving their own interests. They could float new issues and raise new capital; they were masters of the field.

How did they keep their quoted

prices ascending when the general trend was downward? By buying their own shares. There was nothing new in that. As Avraham Shapira of Agudat Yisrael (chairman of the Bank of Israel's advisory committee) told the Knesset on Monday — in an interjection during the leader of the opposition's speech — the banks have been buying and selling their own shares since 1972; that is, by implication, since the days of the Labour government which preceded the present administration.

But there is a difference between ironing out chance day-to-day fluctuations (without bucking the market trend, whether up or down), which was the purpose of interventions at the beginning; and deliberately influencing the market trend. The latter process is a form of manipulation. It involves much bigger sums and can be seen as distorting the true market value of the traded security.

I say "distorting," not "falsifying," because in Israel the practice of interfering with share values by operations in the market is not illegal. It is illegal in many other countries, notably Britain and America.

The banks bought up their own shares at the prevailing price, and in that way pushed up the average value of bank equity during the first nine months of this year by yet another 18 per cent — this at a time when average share values in the stock exchange had sagged, as stated, by 25 per cent.

They ended up by owning something close to 11.2% of their own shares, or about one-fifth of the total stock in the public's hands.

They might have got away with these practices for some time longer had not something else cropped up. Aridor's financial policy left the shekel egregiously over-valued, and members of the investing public thought (rightly, as it turned out) that a big devaluation was round the corner. A demand arose for dollars. People began to sell shares and use the money for acquiring foreign banknotes.

The shares sold included bank shares, despite their carefully-boostered value. The banks had to step up the purchase of their own stock in order to offset these sales, otherwise quotations would drop sharply. So they borrowed money abroad — the sum of \$450m. has been mentioned — to finance these purchases — until they ran out of cash.

THE FIRST indication that a crisis existed was the information last Friday that the government had resolved it.

Aridor has bailed the banks out, saving them from a collapse of their own making (though he had egged them on). His solution will prevent ruin. There is, however, a price to pay, and the shareholders thought they would have to pay it — hence the scenes of desolation and

dismay at bank counters last week.

As it turns out they will have done rather well, especially if we take into account that the devaluation would have peeled 20 per cent off the shares' dollar value anyway, even if there had been no bank crisis.

How great is the damage? Dr. Manfred Gerstenfeld, of Euroteam economic consultants, shrewdly saw the problem coming, studied the figures and has made assessments which appear to be close to the mark. The volume of outside bank shares today equals, at last week's market rates, \$6.1b. Their true value (that is, the price at which they will eventually settle down) is about \$2.2b. The difference spells a loss of \$4b. Who is to carry it?

Had the Treasury not volunteered its services, the burden would have fallen entirely on the shareholders. Their asset would have tumbled to a quarter of its price. Many business companies would have folded. Foreign currency accounts would have been withdrawn from the banks, whose capacity to borrow in foreign markets would have been severely curtailed. This scenario shows the magnitude of the error made by the banks in the management of their own affairs.

Not wanting this breakdown, the government has decided to shift most of the loss onto its own shoulders. It is guaranteeing the dollar value of the shares for the next five years at the exaggerated level it had reached on October 6.

How big a drain that will make on the public purse depends on the behaviour of share prices. The government has, as it were, converted the banks' equity into dollar-linked Treasury debentures, yielding 5.2 per cent per annum.

If the public considers that this figure matches the return to be expected today on dollar bonds, then the price of the bank shares should remain unchanged when the market reopens next week, which means a drop of 20 per cent in dollar terms.

If, as Gerstenfeld thinks more probable, the public reckons that this kind of security ought to be yielding 7 per cent, the bank shares' shekel price will decline by 9 per cent, meaning a fall of 27 per cent in dollar terms.

The official prediction that the drop in dollar terms is going to be only 15 per cent is based on the premise that the public will agree to see the normal yield as 4 per cent. That, thinks Gerstenfeld, is an extremely optimistic assumption.

The smaller the fall in share prices, of course, the larger the portion of the \$4b. loss to be carried by the exchequer. Supposing that Gerstenfeld's prediction proves correct, and the share-price fall is 27 per cent, the portion of the loss sustained by the shareholders will be \$1.7b. The cost to the taxpayer of the Treasury's guarantee over the

next five years will then be all of the remainder, or \$2.2b. — a sum comparable to the cost of the war in Lebanon.

What about the banks? Their folly has cost the country dear. They had forgotten they were a business and conducted themselves like a government, charged to carry out anti-cyclical policies.

The general trend among business-minded Israelis in recent weeks had been to sell bank and other shares in order to buy dollars. One group went the other way and sold dollars in order to buy bank shares. The eccentrics who did that absurd thing were — the banks themselves.

Defending their position, Mordechai Einhorn, general manager of Bank Leumi, makes the point that up to mid-1982 his bank's share price was a legitimate reflection of its profitability. During the last year it has, like the other banks, run into losses, which is why the current share price looks disproportionately high.

Be that as it may, the banks are getting off very lightly. Since they own \$1.2b. of their own equity and since — thanks to the Treasury's rescue operation — those shares will only drop in dollar value by around one-quarter, their loss should come to \$300m. Given that they made their purchases over a period of time, usually at 5 to 10 per cent less than the full market price, Gerstenfeld estimates their collective deficit at nearer \$200m.

This setback affects the four banks mentioned, but not the fifth in size, which is also the youngest: the First International Bank of Israel, which emerges with its honour intact. FIBI sensibly and sanely did not manipulate the market to its advantage. It bought none of its own shares, and therefore carries no capital loss. It even stands to benefit.

How are the banks, which have no spare cash left, to finance their \$200m. deficit? For a start, the government is remitting the fine for breaches of the liquidity regulations. That means a credit exceeding \$55b., of which FIBI will presumably get its share.

What about the small investor whose despair was so graphically demonstrated at bank branches all over the country? Some will suffer, notably those who bought their bank shares just recently, possibly as collateral for a business loan or as a safe placement for cash money pending the finalization of a contract for a flat.

Those who have held their shares for some time benefited from the rise in their value price before the now-expected fall. Bank shares bought for \$1,000 in December 1979 were worth (at constant prices) \$1,410 in December 1980, \$1,875 in December 1981, \$2,420 in December 1982, and \$2,850 a fortnight ago.

If their value declines by 27 per cent, they will still be worth \$2,080,

which is twice as much (in real terms) as the buyer paid for them in December 1979, and more than he paid for them even in December 1980 or 1981.

The true winner is the brisk operator who sold his holding in the last few weeks to buy dollars. If he originally acquired his bank shares in December 1979, he will, after buying his dollars and benefiting from the latest devaluation, have increased their index-linked value 3 1/2-fold in less than four years; which is tantamount to possessing an index-linked bond yielding an interest of 55 per cent per annum.

Aridor made two serious mistakes: first, he encouraged the banks to support their own shares by this active intervention in the market. Second, in his attempt to combat inflation, he let the shekel become grossly over-valued.

In an act of poetic justice, the under-valuation of the dollar precipitated the popular flight from bank shares (to buy dollars) which brought the banks to the verge of ruin.

The Bank of Israel is supposed to supervise the conduct of the commercial banks. Its official spokesman, Israel Igra, asserts that it did give warnings against this irrational and improper share-buying fantasy, but it was not listened to. "We could not exercise our authority because the Treasury backed the banks," he said. "We could not make our criticism public because that would have precipitated a run on the banks."

When things go wrong, institutions tend to wash their hands of responsibility. Did Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum really take sides, however ineffectively, against the all-powerful Treasury on this issue? Support is given to Igra's claim by the stand that Mandelbaum adopted over the Bdoiah Fund.

Bank Leumi sought permission last June to set up this fund as a mutual trust which would invest most of its money in equity, while guaranteeing its shareholders an index-linked return. The project was approved by the Treasury official in charge of the capital market, it was approved by the Securities Commission. But it was turned down by the Bank of Israel.

Says Igra: "Is it not enough that Bank Leumi pushed up the price of its own shares? Did it have to take on the task of pushing up the price of outside shares as well?"

In summary, the story is one of misplaced confidence.

When business booms, those involved think that nothing can go wrong. Banks competed with each other to see who could do best. They were prepared to gamble on the continuance of prosperity. Prophets of doom were ignored — until the day of reckoning came.

Had the government not stepped in, there would, Gerstenfeld declares, have been bankrupt banks in Israel.

Capitol gains

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

THE economic turmoil comes just as the Congress is in the final stages of approving the foreign aid legislation for Israel. That aid consists of \$910 million in economic grants (an increase of \$125 million over the administration's recommended level) and \$1.7 billion dollars in military aid, equally divided between grants and loans (as opposed to the approximately one-third grant/two-third loan mix proposed by the administration).

It is important to bear in mind that this U.S. assistance represents about 25 per cent of the annual Israeli budget. Without it — or even with only a reduction in it — there would be even more serious economic dislocations in Israel, including additional emigration and unemployment. How Israeli economic decisions are received in Washington is not to be taken lightly.

The crisis in Israel also comes while the Reagan administration is in the midst of trying to determine the level of U.S. economic and military aid for the 1985 fiscal year. U.S. and Israeli officials are currently going through a lengthy exchange of views on the subject. The administration must make a final decision by the time it submits its

next budget to Congress sometime in January.

In addition, the current examination of the Israeli economy is taking place with a secretary of state, George Shultz, who also happens to be an economist. He sharply criticized the management of Israel's economy in July, when he met with Yitzhak Shamir and Moshe Arens in Washington. Shultz urged them to impose some of the measures which have just been announced.

"While we are haggling with the Americans over the supply of additional grants as opposed to loans," an Israeli diplomat said, "it is always crucial that we show our own good faith by accepting some difficult steps. We have to show that we are doing the utmost to help ourselves."

THE AUSTERITY measures are also likely to reassure international commercial bankers that the Israel Government is serious in trying to correct its own problems. That, at least, is the view of U.S. bankers with considerable experience in this area.

"For the moment," one of them told me, "I am convinced that Israel is not going to lose access to the international financial market."

Israel is dependent on the commercial banks for short-term credit — beyond the much more extensive assistance it receives from the U.S. government, the private purchase of Israel Bonds and the direct cash transfers from Jewish communities around the world.

These international banks, an Israeli economic specialist said, will

generally be responsive to Israeli requests for loans, especially when American-Israeli political relations are good. When the administration and Congress, moreover, are providing Israel with more grants as opposed to loans, the banks will be further prepared to extend credit to Israel. In short, he said, the banks largely take their cue from Washington.

THIS WAS confirmed by a prominent American banker who asked

not to be identified. He said the banking market is generally more sensitive to political upheavals than to domestic economic problems in any particular country. The U.S.-Israeli relationship, he said, is in better shape today than it was twelve months ago. "Had this current crisis occurred a year ago," he said, "some interesting things could have happened."

Still, until the dust settled, there would be a general reluctance to accept additional "exposure" in Israel. Translated, that means less inclination to offer credit to Israel.

"What has happened in recent days," he said, "will merely reinforce a natural tendency among bankers to be cautious. I don't think Israel is having a lot of trouble obtaining credit right now, because I don't think it has been aggressively seeking credit."

But Israel, he added, is not yet viewed in the international banking community as another financial basket case, along the lines of Brazil or Argentina.

"I think you have to recognize that when American bankers look at countries, they tend to look at them in segments," he said, explaining that Israel's credit-worthiness is compared to its neighbours in the Middle East (Syria, Jordan, Egypt, etc.) rather than elsewhere around the world. "Against that region, Israel is still pretty credit-worthy. It is viewed as a Middle Eastern country, for better or for worse. We make those distinctions."

Looking down the road, he said: "I really don't see financial institutions cutting off credit to Israel." He referred to Washington's continuing strong support for Israel. If the banks were to stop making loans

THIS WEEK'S shekel devaluation and accompanying economic austerity measures in Israel were warmly welcomed by influential Reagan administration officials, congressmen and senators, American bankers and Jewish leaders. There was a virtual consensus that these steps were badly needed. "It was about time," commented one pro-Israel lobbyist in Washington.

As seen here in the United States, Israel had in recent years lived well beyond its means. The government's inability to reduce consumer spending on largely imported, big-ticket luxury items — colour television sets, stereo equipment and automobiles, for example — was highly publicized in the U.S. Many of Israel's best friends complained openly about the government's refusal to "bite the bullet" in 1981 in advance of the elections.

The belt-tightening steps announced in recent days, therefore, played well on Capitol Hill. The extensive coverage in the U.S. news media, especially on television, of the long gasoline lines and the shopping spree on basic food products at supermarkets underlined very dramatically the problems facing the average Israeli. It is all bound to help Israel in its continuing quest to obtain even more foreign aid from the U.S. government — meaning, both the administration and the Congress.

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WHY THE BUBBLE BURST

By CHARLES HOFFMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

'You can't come out of a shower dry. Now we have to pay the price'



People shouldn't complain now, because they have only themselves to blame. In the final analysis, the decision to buy or not to buy rests with each individual, not the securities adviser.

THE BUBBLE began as a small ripple on the local banking scene in 1972, grew slowly throughout the middle of the decade, and reached gargantuan proportions during the recent years of hyper-inflation. Last week it burst.

Hebrew University economist Prof. Haim Barkai has little sympathy for "poor investors" suddenly caught with hundreds of thousands of shekels worth of grossly inflated bank stock in their hands, and even less for the perpetrators of this prolonged case of stock manipulation, the banks.

In an interview earlier this week, just hours after the dramatic early-morning announcement of the decision to link the faltering bank shares to the dollar, Barkai's attitude was "I told you so."

During the last 11 years, most of the banks systematically pumped up the value of their shares, through transactions conducted by their subsidiaries. Businesses and the public came to rely on these assets as invulnerable protectors of the value of their shekels, rising in real terms even beyond the increase in the consumer price index. And they were perfectly liquid to boot, and thus useful for tying up spare cash that could be made accessible at any moment.

"The very notion of a financial asset that is both highly liquid and guarantees a high return is a complete contradiction," asserts Barkai flatly. "Where else has there even been such a thing? Usually, one feature comes at the expense of the other. It was an illusion for people to think otherwise."

To trace the growth of the bubble, Barkai reaches for the Bank of Israel's annual report. The value of all bank shares in 1976 was one third of the means of payment (cash and checking accounts), but after the first burst of high inflation it equaled the means of payment by 1978. By 1979, the value of the bank shares had gone out of control, by 1982 its value was seven times the value of the means of payment at the disposal of the public.

Before the bubble burst last week, the value of the bank shares stood at \$7.5 billion.

The pumping up of the shares' value started as an attempt by one bank to gain a competitive edge on the others, and gathered momentum as others followed in order to keep up. The enormous growth was fed by high inflation as the public sought a safe and flexible refuge for its money. The banks were only too happy to oblige, since it served their interests as well.

WHO STARTED IT?

Bank Hapoalim, answers Barkai

with a wry grin, no doubt thinking of the fury with which the Labour Party has been lambasting the government over the bank share crisis. The First International Bank of Israel, he notes, never joined its bigger and older brothers in the game of regulating the price of its own shares. "But its stock was given a 'free ride' upwards, swept along in the general trend."

Barkai stresses that the yields of the bank shares were also highly unrealistic. "This year alone, the banks show a profit of 20 per cent," he says. "Realistically, it should probably be no more than 3 per cent. Between 1979 and this year the bank stocks gained 30 per cent in real terms. With that sort of yield, why should anyone have put their money in government bonds, let alone dollars?"

Referring to the distortions in the capital market created by the bank share bubble, Barkai notes that the attractiveness of bank shares kept investment funds away from productive enterprises whose shares are sold on the stock exchange, in addition to taking the glow off linked government bonds.

If this trend was so damaging to the health of the securities market, and since the manipulations were an open secret, why didn't the Treasury or the Bank of Israel take action much earlier to stop it? Had they done so, the gap between the bank shares' real and inflated value wouldn't have become so great, and there would be smaller paper losses to compensate.

This question impinges on Barkai himself, since from March 1981 to August 1982 he was chairman of the advisory council of the Bank of Israel, the post now occupied by Aguda MK Avraham Shapira.

The economist hesitates, then says, "I don't know what to say. The banking community was not interested in dealing with the issue, and no one in the government was willing to take the responsibility for tackling it. Everyone knew that something had to be done, but the issue was a hot potato and no one wanted to touch it."

As head of the central bank's advisory council, did Barkai warn the heads of the bank that something must be done? "Let's say I was concerned about the situation; I can't say anything more than that about what was said, or to whom."

As to whether the Treasury had a political interest in ignoring the issue, since the bubble helped buoy up

the stock market, Barkai refers the question to the government.

On a personal level, he had warned many young people he knew to be more careful in the stock market and to avoid putting all their financial eggs in the bank share basket. "I told them that they should not have more than 10 to 15 per cent of their assets in stocks, but they laughed at me and showed me the enormous profits they were making."

"This was the pathological aspect of the whole affair," he says, "the rush for quick and easy profits, especially by young people and others who lacked experience in the market. Many people came into the market in this inflationary period with a low level of sophistication and no training in financial matters. That left more room for the herd instinct to take over in moments of uncertainty, leading to panic selling."

"People must learn that the stock market is not risk-free. But their experience with bank shares taught them otherwise. Now they blame the advice they got from the securities advisers in the banks."

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WHY DID THE bubble burst now?

Was it inevitable? Barkai sees the rush to dump bank shares as precipitated by the "foolish attempt (of the government) to maintain an unrealistic rate of exchange for the last year and a half. If the government had increased the rate of devaluation sooner and by a larger margin, then maybe the panic wouldn't have happened. The slight easing up on the devaluation rate created expectations among the public of more to come, and that created the pressure on the banks, as everyone rushed to sell bank shares and buy dollars."

"The banks too could have handled the crisis better by just letting their shares drop somewhat, but they trapped themselves."

Barkai cannot say whether the crunch and the consequent unraveling of the system of "regulating"

bank shares would have come eventually in any case.

Asked for his evaluation of the solution approved by the cabinet early Tuesday morning to salvage the situation, Barkai replies: "A clever person is one who manages to get out of a mess that a wise person wouldn't have got himself into in the first place."

Financially, the arrangement to link the bank shares to the dollar is too generous, he believes. "The shares shouldn't have been linked to their current value, which is still inflated. Why couldn't the linkage have been based on the value of the shares at the beginning of the year, before the latest round of artificially inflated profits?"

The ceiling of \$5,000,000 is also too high, since it increases the scope of the government's potential obligations stemming from its guarantee of the future share prices. (Investors holding up to \$5,000,000 in bank shares will be able to link their shares to the dollar for six years and get the yield of a savings scheme.)

Barkai's advice, however, for

those who can't afford to freeze their assets for five or six years, is to hold on to their bank shares.

"There will be a drop at first in the price of these shares once trading resumes, but eventually the price will stabilize and will be kept at a reasonable level by the pull of the dollar-linked shares, which can also be traded."

He challenges the "myth of the poor investor," who supposedly would have been wiped out if the government had not stepped in with its guarantees.

"While there are no doubt some real cases of hardship created by the crisis, there are nevertheless many people with hundreds of thousands of shekels in bank shares. Why should taxpayers have to compensate them for making the wrong investment decision?"

"In any case," he says, "the \$5,000,000 limit is arbitrary and impossible to administer. Some people may have had, let's say, \$500,000 in bank shares and \$500,000 in bonds or other securities. Are they unfortunate, deserving a government guarantee? It will be impossible to check if someone owns shares in different banks that total more than the limit of \$5,000,000."

As for the equity of the solution, Barkai says that for an economic policy to succeed, it has to hurt everybody. Why protect the assets of one group — not necessarily the worst off — while hacking away at the real wages of other groups and putting the burden of the guarantee on all taxpayers? Or, looking at it from a different angle, why not compensate someone who held a dollar account when the exchange rate was artificially held down?

IN ASSESSING the broader implications of the compensation arrangement, Barkai is hesitant about using the term "nationalization." It is definitely an increase in government involvement in an area where it shouldn't exist, he notes, but for five to six years only.

As for the extent of the government's obligations, it is responsible only for guaranteeing a ceiling price. If the price of the linked shares is above the ceiling when the period is up, then there will be no basis for compensation.

He foresees no chain reaction being set off by the decline in the value of the non-linked bank shares, which some have predicted might lead to a recession. "If some firms do go bankrupt due to a drastic

shrinking of their assets," he states, "they weren't serious businesses in the first place, and had too much capital tied up in shares instead of production."

"The level of subsidies had become absurd. There are still items subsidized at more than a 50 per cent rate, which is too much. Any serious cuts in the budget require drastic cuts in subsidies. The devaluation has closed some of the gap between the official rate and a realistic rate of exchange, but more is still needed to help exports."

"It was a serious error for the cabinet to limit the devaluation, while leaving untouched the wasteful and cumbersome compulsory deposit on imports."

As a supplementary step, it will be necessary to reduce disposable income in some way, so that the effects of the devaluation are not cancelled out by wage increases. Hitting the cost of living increment seems to be the only practical way to do this, but it should be accompanied by attempts to reduce the value of other assets.

"You can't come out of a shower dry, although the 'proper economics' of Aridor tried to do this. Now we have to pay the price."

DESPITE THE gloom and panic generated in the recent crisis, Barkai emphasizes that there was never any danger to the banking system itself, which is "stable and strong." The affair of the bank shares shouldn't shake the public's confidence in the banking system, although it should generate some healthy scepticism about blindly following the counsel of the banks' securities advisers.

Barkai concludes by recalling a warning he sounded on May 21, 1982, in an article in *Ma'ariv*.

"One of the most serious results of the government's over-generous economic policy," he wrote, "will be to increase inflation and the import surplus. These developments will undermine the country's position in international financial markets and force us to go begging for more aid from the U.S. — this is incompatible with maintaining an independent foreign policy."

He now sees this prediction as unfortunately vindicated. For the first time, he says, the U.S. has demanded that the government impose economic restraints as a condition for further aid. This is what has sent Finance Minister Yoram Aridor scurrying back and forth to Washington in the last few weeks.

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The great juggle

By MACABEE DEAN



Yigael Hurvitz. (Millman)

sleeves and get down to work." What sleight-of-hand enabled his successor, Aridor, to suddenly find billions which allowed a country in desperate financial straits, deep in debt, to embark on a two-year "economic orgy"? Is it really possible to create money out of thin air, with which to buy cars, videos, colour TVs, trips abroad?

In physics, it is impossible to create something out of nothing. The laws of physics and economics evidently are different.

WE HAVE no answer to these questions. But the different approaches of Hurvitz and Aridor to the same situation problem stem from their different backgrounds, and where they learned their economics.

Hurvitz, if we recall correctly,

was born in Tel Aviv but grew up in Nahalal. Like any other farm boy, he quickly recognized the direct relationship between spreading fertilizer on the fields and the size and abundance of the resulting crops.

Aridor is a city boy. He grew up in Tel Aviv, where all too many residents make a living from what is called *luftgesscheft*, wheeler and dealing. They have no contact with the soil, with the factories, with anything productive.

Hurvitz learned his economics from life: Aridor from the university.

Personally, we have far more faith in the economics of Hurvitz than in those of Aridor.

In all fairness to Aridor, we must add that he is now trying to courageously tackle one of the basic distortions in our economy, the automatic linkage of everything to something else. (Which, incidentally, is a socialist-inspired *luftgesscheft*.)

If Aridor manages to do this, we will move him up several steps in the ladder between cleverness and wisdom.

For anyone who can solve this problem without arousing the wrath of the Histadrut, is worthy of the highest praise. We doubt if he can pull it off, for the Histadrut itself is a stronghold of cleverness, not of wisdom. The Histadrut is more interested in seeing that the workers get a fair share of the cake than in seeing the cake grow in size. And although some of its strength lies in



Yoram Aridor. (IPPA)

the workers who man the factories of Koor, and the fields of the kibbutzim, most of the Histadrut members are middle-class clerks. This ties the hands of the Histadrut. Since it is a democratic organization, it is the clerks, not the productive workers, who have the determining say.

But unless this vicious circle of automatic linkage is broken, every devaluation will lead to inflation, inflation will lead to devaluation, and so on, until the shekel spins out of sight.

As we once changed the lira to the shekel we will soon change the shekel to the Ton Note and then to the Megaton Note. (And all this was

penned before the extraordinary reports of going over to the "shekjar").

THE SECOND main problem facing the country is the ridiculous subsidy system, devised with so much love and thought.

We personally don't mind subsidizing the cost of bread for the truly poor, and we even don't mind helping to pay for the cheap bread the horses eat in this country (for we like horses, dogs and women, but not in this order). But we do feel swindled when we put cheap bread into the mouths of the millionaires who own these horses. We should subsidize the poor, and if the rich don't eat bread but cake, we are subsidizing the eggs and butter that go into the cake.

According to the Histadrut, there are several billion dollars of black capital floating around in the country. If these people manage to dodge income taxes, we don't see why they shouldn't pay the full price of the food they eat, thus easing our tax burden.

ANOTHER PROBLEM is the electoral system in this country, which encourages splinter parties whose blackmail strength increases in direct proportion to their smallness.

The Alignment is as much to blame for this situation as the Likud. If the Alignment leaders would take the trouble to act like statesmen and not politicians, they could form a coalition with the Likud and reform the electoral system.

We are fully aware of the ideological differences facing such an agreement, but both sides, for the national good, could draw up a truce for six months in regard to the West Bank (where the Likud doesn't have much money to invest today), reform the electoral system, and then decide to hold elections. Both blocks would emerge stronger, and the majority, not a tiny minority, would decide on national policy.

We could go on and on about the country's problems, which are mainly inherited distortions from the past. But we will close with mentioning only one more. The income tax system. It is a distinct discouragement to productivity, and we live not by juggling figures, but by exporting. Production, not *luftgesscheft*, is the name of the game.

A relative of ours recently visited the country. After viewing the endless number of villas, the new cars jamming the streets, the posh restaurants (she paid), the well-dressed people, she remarked: "We Americans and you Israelis have to stick together. Why shouldn't American Jews raise money over here to help their poor relations in the States?"

Of course, we don't believe this will ever happen, but Israel's present affluent status may make many Americans think twice before putting their hands deep into semi-empty pockets to support the well-to-do Israelis.

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Arlosoroff inquiry told widow stood by testimony

TEL AVIV (Itim) Labour Zionist leader Haim Arlosoroff's widow, Sima, never changed her original testimony that her husband's murderers were Zvi Rosenblatt and Avraham Slavsky, said one of the five witnesses who testified yesterday before the state commission of inquiry on the Arlosoroff murder.

Dr. Moshe Gilboa told the three-man panel that he had interviewed Sima Arlosoroff close to 10 times from 1963 to her death in 1973, as part of the research for his proposed doctoral thesis. Gilboa said that he had abandoned the topic after it became clear that he would not be able to get all of the information he needed, because of the refusal of several key figures in the case to talk to him.

According to Gilboa, Sima Arlosoroff never wavered in her version of the murder: she con-

tended to the last that she had clearly seen Slavsky and Rosenblatt murder her husband as the couple was walking along the Tel Aviv seashore in June 1933.

Gilboa testified that she told him several times that she had failed to initiate a libel suit against her detractors because of heavy pressure on her not to go ahead with such a suit. The pressure was applied publicly and privately by the Mapai leadership, including David Ben-Gurion and Shaul Avigdor, Gilboa said.

Gilboa told the panel that he "had concluded that Sima Arlosoroff's testimony was reliable," despite his "initial doubts" about it.

Another witness, Andre Gott, told the panel that he had transported the wounded Arlosoroff from the beach to the hospital in his

car. Gott said that Arlosoroff had spoken to him and his female companion during the trip, but that he did not remember what the wounded man said. "I can't recall today what happened 50 years ago," Gott said.

Witness Mosh Strossenberg, who was recalled to clear up details of his previous testimony, said that two running men had shone a flashlight in his face twice on the night of the murder, as he was walking near the beach with a friend.

Strossenberg said he heard a "shot or two" after the two men passed him the first time and that the men, one short and one tall, had passed him again running south.

Another witness, Alexander Dori, said that on the day after the murder, Shaul Avigdor had telephoned and asked for his uncle, Ya'acov Dori. When the witness

told the caller that his uncle was not home, Avigdor left a message for Ya'acov Dori: "Haim Arlosoroff was murdered yesterday evening in Tel Aviv by Arabs." Dori told the panel that he had immediately notified the Hagana commander in Haifa.

The fifth witness, Yitzhak Hankin, told the panel that information he had given to *Ha'aretz* journalist Tamar Meroz for her article on the murder, published in 1973, was true.

Hankin and Tamar Meroz will testify at the next public session of the commission on October 24 in Tel Aviv. The panel is headed by Supreme Court Justice David Bechor, and includes former president of the Tel Aviv District Court Max Kenet and Prof. Eliezer Berkovitz.

HISTADRUT

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sors, Simha Ehrlich and Yigael Hurvitz, did not try to undermine the Histadrut or to compete with it for popularity among the workers. Aridor, however, tried to create the impression that he had the workers' interest closer to his heart than the Histadrut had.

When he advocated that wage-earners be fully compensated for price-rises by means of automatic 100 per cent cost-of-living increase increments, workers gave

Histadrut officials a tough time asking why the labour federation was demanding only 80 per cent linkage. The Histadrut demanded partial automatic compensation only to leave room for negotiating raises in basic wages, maintaining that was what Aridor wanted to avoid.

Aridor's goal was to harm the Histadrut, "trade union department chairman Israel Kessar told *the Jerusalem Post* last night. "It was not just a policy of non-cooperation," Kessar said.

"Aridor tried to use Peronist methods of talking to the workers

over the Histadrut's head," the chairman of the labour federation's organization department Gideon Ben-Yisrael said.

Aridor also came under fire inside the Herut faction in the Histadrut — his former power base. A faction leader, commenting on Aridor's "dollarization" plan, said: "He's like Samson — trying to bring the house down with him."

Sources in the faction complained the former minister was "intolerant," did not consult with Herut's representatives in the Histadrut although he formally

headed the group, and "imposed" his will upon the delegates.

The Histadrut Teachers Union will stage a two-hour strike on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in protest against cuts in government subsidies and government plans to eliminate the effects of this week's devaluation from the C-o-I increment due in January.

The work stoppage will affect kindergartens, elementary schools, junior highs and high schools (where the teaching staff belongs to the Histadrut Teachers Union) and teachers' training colleges.

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October 1973... Frightening human losses and tremendous material destruction. (Michu Bar-Am)

Ten years of turmoil

By GIDEON RAFAEL

WHEN THE SUN rose on October 6, 1973, it dawned on the Government of Israel that it would become a fateful day of war.

When that war ended 21 days later, Israeli forces were less than 100 km. away from the gates of Cairo and their guns were within range of Damascus. Egypt's Third Army was surrounded in Sinai and its other forces which had succeeded in crossing the Canal were holding their own along a narrow strip.

The United States had met Israel's needs with a massive airlift and responded to a Soviet threat of military intervention with a veiled nuclear warning. Britain had imposed an arms embargo; Germany had prevented the sailing of freighters from its ports carrying U.S. supplies; and its European partners as well adopted a hands-off policy. The Arab petroleum producers applied sanctions against their customers, withholding supplies and forcing the oil prices to dizzying heights. Europe reduced its consumption, dimmed its lights, slowed down production and slackened in its drive for unity.

After the dust had settled, the battlefields revealed frightening human losses and tremendous material destruction. Egypt and Syria realized that only the threat of a Soviet-American confrontation had snatched complete victory from Israel. The American diplomacy recognized in this dilemma an opportunity for peace and the Soviet strategy an ocean of troubled waters to fish in.

The shock of the unpreparedness, the perplexity about the initial success of the enemy and the trauma of the terrible losses produced a profound change of mentality and politics in Israel. It resulted in the substitution of the coalition of reason and realism which had ruled the country for 30 years, with a government of intense nationalism and headline activism. In the ensuing years, Menachem Begin led the country to the triumph of peace with Egypt, the tragedy of war in Lebanon, the affairs of the nation into disarray and himself into a state of despondency.

IN THE DECADE following the Yom Kippur War, far-reaching transformations occurred not only in Israel but in the whole of the Middle East, some of them caused by the war, others completely unconnected with it. All the heads of government who were in power in 1973 had left the scene, some deposed by ballot, others removed by bullet.

In Israel Golda Meir, although reelected premier, resigned. Yitzhak Rabin was defeated in elections, and Menachem Begin, who had started resoundingly, departed in utter silence.

In Iran, the frenzied followers of Khomeini dethroned the Shah: in Saudi Arabia, a disgruntled prince killed the king; and in Egypt, a group of religious fanatics assassinated President Sadat.

In Syria, President Assad escaped a similar fate by turning the tables on those who had plotted to overthrow him. In the town of Hama, his special troops murdered

thousands of his opponents and innocent bystanders. In Iraq, Saddam Hussein, the military dictator, remained in power by making war against Iran.

In Jordan, King Hussein, the longest contemporary reigning head of state, remained the uncontested champion of Oriental tight-rope walking. He maintained his balance not only by agile footwork but by tilting his pole sometimes towards Israel and most of the time towards a variety of feuding Arab states, the certainty of an American safety-net underneath steadying his step.

BUT MORE THAN governmental changes, obstinate regional conflicts determined the fortunes of the Middle East, and beyond it the evolution of global strategies.

The constant thrust of the Soviet Union to establish strongholds along the coasts of the Red Sea and the Mediterranean threatens traditional Western positions and lines of communications in the region. The one-sided military and political support granted by the Soviet Union to Israel's adversaries perpetuates the Arab-Israel conflict. The Soviet alliance with Syria, a formidable Russian bridgehead of men and material, adds to the conflict another dimension of worldwide political and strategic significance.

The presence of Soviet invasion forces in Afghanistan not only endangers Western interests in the Gulf and the regional equilibrium, but weighs heavily on the entire relationship between East and West.

The picture of intra-regional contests looks hardly more enticing. Jordan is at loggerheads with Syria; Baghdad is in rivalry with Damascus; Iran and Iraq are fighting each other, apparently until mutual exhaustion or the overthrow of the regime in one or both countries. Libya menaces its Arab brethren alternately and its African neighbours constantly.

HOWEVER, the war of the greatest complexities and of the most tragic errors is the one that has been raging in Lebanon for the past eight years. It began as a civil war between feuding clans and rival communities, and degenerated into a free-for-all of foreign interventionist forces.

Those of Syria entered to ensure its predominance over the country to whose separate sovereignty Damascus had never resigned itself. Those of Israel intervened to secure its northern border from terrorist incursions and, in a moment of departure from sound political thought, to help remodel the Lebanese government structure. And those of the multinational force arrived at the behest of the Lebanese government to protect it against its internal adversaries and to expedite the withdrawal of the foreign forces.

The war in Lebanon, although not a decisive theatre in the Middle East power struggle, had its wider repercussions. It released the country from the stranglehold of the PLO, removed its terrorist bases from Israel's frontier, and sapped

the strength and cohesion of the organization.

On the other hand, as a result of tardy American diplomacy and effective Soviet action, the war elevated a militarily defeated and politically isolated Syria to a central position in the affairs of the region. It increased Soviet political influence and military entrenchment in Syria, aggravating the already highly-charged tension between the U.S. and the USSR. It generated disunity in Israel and deepened the rift between the fighting factions in Lebanon.

The main problem at the present juncture, however, is not how the foreign forces will get out of the Lebanese labyrinth, but how the Lebanese will find their way in it. Without a supreme effort of mutual accommodation they will complete the devastation of their country and destroy its fragile independence. The continued territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon are not only the natural right of its citizens but a political, strategic and economic necessity for its neighbours.

The partition of Lebanon or its incorporation into a greater Syria would widen and roughen the area of friction in the Middle East. It would be as unacceptable to the Arab states as it would be to Israel. The cycle of recurrent crises in Lebanon endangers not only its own existence, but the maintenance of international peace.

No more time should be lost in exploring new avenues to bring stability to this hard-ripped country and security to its neighbours. The convening of a diplomatic Lebanon conference might be worth considering. All states involved in Lebanon, prepared to guarantee its independence and pledge non-intervention to its internal affairs should be invited to participate.

IN THE balance-sheet, full of losses, covering the post-Yom Kippur War period, one asset stands out: the treaty of peace between Israel and Egypt. It is the most remarkable achievement of the decade. Although at present the peace is stagnating as far as human, cultural, commercial and diplomatic relations are concerned, it has lost nothing of its strategic value. The vast territory stretching from the headwaters of the Jordan to the sources of the Nile, inhabited by the majority of the population of the Middle East west of Iran, exists today in tranquility. This area of peace acts like a firebreak, preventing the local flare-ups from spreading into an all-embracing regional conflagration. It impedes further Soviet expansion and strengthens the positions of the West.

The vow "No More War" proclaimed in Jerusalem by the president of Egypt and endorsed by the prime minister of Israel is the most important legacy of the Yom Kippur War. Its strict observance everywhere is the only guarantee of the security and well-being of all the peoples of the Middle East.

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THE HABIT OF GIVING

By SASHA SADAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

FAIGY was a mystery. She sent in cheques to *Jerusalem Post* funds in a way no one else did and with remarkable regularity. Week in, week out, there were always three cheques from Faigy, one for the Toy Fund, one for Keren Tsafia and one for Forsake Me Not.

The amounts were odd. Last time around, each fund got IS967. Sometimes the sum was much less. At the money was always there, it has been years now since Faigy started contributing, and we decided to look her up. Beverlee Black, one of the secretaries to the editors of *The Post* knew that Faigy worked around the corner, that she was young and that she had come to Israel from the U.S.

Her Yiddish name suggested a pious European background. This reporter's imagination conjured up a faded, shy, perhaps frumpy figure, peering into the background and middle age. Certainly not a shoulder-length cascade of curls, oval nails and a slim, erect figure in a pastel pink pants outfit. So much for attaching stereotypes to names.

FAIGY FRIEDMAN, 35, works for Eldan Electronic Instruments, agents for manufacturers of scientific and medical equipment. The firm is just being computerized, and Faigy has been the go-between for the computer people, explaining her company's needs. She grew up in Brooklyn, the oldest of five children in a Hasidic family of the Satmar variety. In grade school, she wanted to take ballet lessons. That was forbidden. Ditto for the piano lessons she craved — the piano was too modern an instrument in the rabbi's opinion.

"But don't get my family wrong," says Faigy. "My home was full of love. My parents did what they thought was best for me." She left home at 20, moving to Manhattan, where she worked for a translation agency, doing editorial work. Her mother knew what was up: her father found out the night before — when she was packing. It was then, with her first job, that Faigy decided to contribute 10 per cent of her income to *tzedaka* to charity, to those in need of help.

"I had a religious upbringing. I'm not religious now. But the giving stayed with me. We were always taught in school that 10 per cent of your income should go to charity. Everyone in my family gives."

Faigy came to Israel twice in the early Seventies, for summer vacations, and fell in love with Jerusalem. "I felt right at home — that, as a Jew, this is where I should be. There's a different feeling here. The whole country is celebrating your holidays. You don't have to ask your boss for permission to take off for Yom Kippur."

WHEN FAIGY settled here, she stopped tithing her income. She thought she might need the money. But that was only temporary. It made no difference, she found, in what she could afford.

"Ten per cent is really nothing. And it means a lot to the people who are getting it."

"What does it mean to her?"

"It means I've made someone a little happier. I am thankful that I don't have to be on the receiving end."

"Why does she do this, and others not?"

"You tell me," she says with an impish smile. "You make it sound like I think I'm better. Some people think I'm crazy. I can't help their reaction. I don't feel defensive. I do it because I want to."

"The messenger who delivers my cheques, he thinks I'm off my rocker, but he likes me better for it. I think he's crazy with his Paysis, Toto and Lotto."

Faigy says that she also gives to the Soldiers Welfare Association, adding, again with the impish smile, "but they haven't written about me yet."

"I'll tell you why I started giving to the *Jerusalem Post* funds. I knew I could trust them, that the money would go to people who really need it. It was a fixed address, and I thought it was commendable that *The Post* was doing it, taking care of all the collection and registering the sums. It's a lot of work. It seemed to me the perfect solution."

FAIGY'S HABIT of giving undercuts several assumptions. A modern life-style and old-fashioned virtue can go together. Her persistence exemplifies just what one individual can do. In principle, most people are willing to give to the less fortunate, but when it comes to the moment of taking out the cheque book, other considerations may intervene. There are bills to meet, and maybe next month would be better, would permit a larger cheque.

Faigy's mind seems to work the other way around. She is not concerned about the size of her cheques, just about giving — all the time. It would be wonderful if others picked up the habit. Every contribution helps.

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund is swinging into high gear. We want to provide Hanukkah and Christmas gifts for thousands of children in government institutions or in foster care. Forsake Me Not supports many projects to help the aged. One of its first priorities is to provide heaters to those who need them before the onslaught of winter with its bone-chilling winds. Recently, we also wrote of Keren Tsafia, named after the late Dr. Sophie Rogovsky, who wanted a fund established to help youth without family in times of financial distress.

Cheques may be made out to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund, to Forsake Me Not or to Keren Tsafia. All should be mailed to *The Jerusalem Post*, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem, 9100. All contributions will be acknowledged by receipts, though we can't always get these off as quickly as we would like. Contributors who would like their names included in our lists should print them in block letters so as to be perfectly legible.

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The *Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund increased this week by IS19,685; \$402 and \$25. Contributions to Forsake Me Not are arriving in greater volume, possibly because the discomforts and deprivations of old age are more visible on a day-to-day basis than the needs of children in government institutions and in foster care.

Additions to the Forsake Me Not campaign include IS25,685; \$516; SF10 and 800 Greek drachmas.

Totals in hand are as follows:

Toy Fund: IS38,178; \$839; DF140; £60; and SF300.

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THE DRAMA of a new government and the country's economic crisis have overshadowed the forthcoming municipal elections to such an extent that election fever in Haifa, at least, is noticeable mostly by its absence. The main topics of conversations in the cafes, pubs and work places here revolve around the perennial problems of money and national politics, rather than who will be the city's next mayor.

But the apparent apathy on the part of the electorate in Israel's northern capital has not deterred the local politicians and their supporters. With 11 lists, including those of five mayoral candidates contesting the 27 city council seats, Haifa's 183,000 voters, whether they like it or not, will face a bigger choice when they go to the polls on October 25 than ever before.

Heading the lists is incumbent Mayor Arye Gurel (Alignment) followed by Yomtov Elkayam (Likud-Herut), Judith Naot (Shinui), Nahum Menahem (Tami) and Yael Rom (Independent-Liberals). Five other lists are contesting only seats on the city council; they are the United Religious Front, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Rakah), Tenants Protection and Citizens Rights, Youth for Haifa and Religious Youth for Kiryat Shmuel.

The Alignment took 11 seats in the 1978 elections — not enough for an outright majority — and is seeking to strengthen its already firm grip on the city council this time. Gurel's opponents, on the other hand, say 35 years of uninterrupted Labour rule in Haifa is more than enough, and it is time for a change.

ATTENTION during the run up to the elections has focused not so much on the policies of the candidates as on political infighting, notably within the ranks of the Likud, which has been literally split in two as a result of the power struggle between Yael Rom and the leadership of her local Herut branch.

The 50-year-old Rom had announced her intention to enter politics and run for mayor in January 1982, and then returned to her counselling job at the Technion when the elections were postponed. Early this year, setting out again to run, she said that she was fighting in a primary race to be the Likud candidate. The fact that she failed was due mainly to the unrelenting opposition of the local Herut branch chairman, Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov.

Shortly after Rom entered the race, Cohen-Avidov declared himself a candidate, and his nomination was promptly accepted by the branch which is controlled by his supporters. Rom countered by saying that she would run as an independent if the Likud's national election committee failed to give her its approval.

The situation was further complicated by the Liberal Party, which under a local agreement with Herut should have nominated its candidate to run in the name of Likud. Having failed to convince Uriel

David Rudge reports on the five candidates vying to be mayor of Haifa

THE BATTLE FOR HAIFA



From left, Yael Rom, Yomtov Elkayam, Arye Gurel, Judith Naot and Nahum Menahem.

Linn, director-general of the Energy Ministry, to take on the job, the Liberals seemed content to support one of the Herut candidates. But under pressure from Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, the Liberals held a meeting at which the local branch chairman, Mordechai Tecosky, was nominated. Confusion reigned, with pictures of the three candidates, all purporting to be the sole Likud nominee, appearing in local newspapers and on posters.

Behind-the-scenes shenanigans continued, and a few weeks later a jubilant Rom told reporters that she had signed a pact with the Liberals under which Tecosky was stepping down in her favour. The agreement was a slap in the face for the local Herut branch and Cohen-Avidov in particular.

It appeared at that stage that the high-flying Rom, the Israel Air Force's first woman pilot, would have a clear run for the Likud ticket, but it was not to be. The Likud Central Committee failed to ratify her local agreement, and she was left to run on an independent list with the Liberals under the name "Haifa on the Right Road."

She was almost bundled out of the race completely when her nomination papers were disqualified by the local election committee on a technicality. Rom successfully appealed to the High Court and made sure there were no mistakes when she submitted her list the second time around.

In the meantime Herut dropped its own bombshell when Cohen-Avidov withdrew his candidacy at the 11th hour in favour of Yomtov Elkayam, the Herut councillor who originally supported Rom but then suddenly returned to the fold. Elkayam, a local solicitor, explained that his "political marriage" to Rom had not worked, and the only solution was a "divorce." He denied being offered first place on the Herut list to entice him to abandon Rom. He confidently expects to increase

Likud's four seats on the council, despite Rom's interference.

THE REAL WINNER to emerge from the battle has been Gurel who stands to retain his seat if only by default. Gurel, who is fighting the elections on the basis of his record of five years in office, has succeeded in putting the candidates of his choice on the Alignment list without any of the acrimony that has marked the opposition's campaign. Whether he will be equally successful in getting the mandate he would like from the public remains to be seen.

The mayor is a cautious man, not given to making rash prophecies. "There have been no prophets in Israel since the time of the Temple, and I don't intend to set any precedents now," he told *The Jerusalem*

Post in a recent interview. As befiting a man of this nature, he has hedged his bets by signing an agreement with members of the United Religious Front who have three seats on the council to continue the coalition partnership between their parties after the elections.

Gurel points to the achievements during his term of office — community centres, sports facilities, the Bat Galim to Stella Maris cable car scheme, two planned country clubs and the development of the Panorama Centre in Central Carmel, which will include a new 300-room hotel.

Haifa's unemployment rate is the highest in the country, and Mayor Gurel says he is acutely aware of this. He says the municipality is doing all it can to encourage the development of science-based in-

dustries, while cracking down on the older and heavier industries based in Haifa Bay, which are mainly responsible for the city's high level of pollution. He is more reticent about the dearth of Friday night entertainment since any developments in this field would bring him into conflict with the religious parties.

Until recently Gurel had been content to sit on the sidelines while his major political opponents in the Likud tore themselves to shreds. In the past few weeks, however, he has apparently become concerned with the challenge posed by the Shinui party's firebrand candidate for mayor, Prof. Judith Naot.

AT 39, Naot is the head of the immunology department in the Technion's faculty of medicine. She has taken Gurel to task on several issues, the most recent being the alleged "illegal use of public money" by the mayor for election purposes.

Naot, whose party has one seat on the incumbent council, maintains that a booklet distributed by the municipality, ostensibly to publicize municipal achievements, is blatant election propaganda for Gurel and the Alignment. She appealed successfully to the National Municipal Election Committee, whose chairman, Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar, banned further distribution of the 70-page brochure, whose production cost the municipality IS2.5m. Naot has called for a police and state comptroller investigation of the matter.

Naot, who has already served on the city council, makes no bones about Shinui's stance on Friday night entertainment. "If you want to attract tourists to the city and stop the young people from leaving it, you have to provide them with something to do," she said. Shinui is pressing for cinemas to be opened on Friday nights.

She sometimes spends 16 to 18 hours a day on her job at the faculty of medicine, which entails teaching,

administration and scientific research, but says she would gladly sacrifice her academic career to devote all her time and energy to running the city.

"I'm not the sort of person who will wait for somebody else to get things done. If a thing needs doing, I get up and do it, that's my philosophy. There are many problems in Haifa that need tackling urgently — unemployment, the terrible state of the transport system and lack of parking, pollution and a top-heavy bureaucracy in urgent need of an overhaul."

"To do all these things the city needs a strong leader prepared to take on the full burden of responsibility, and not somebody who

sticks his head in the ground like an ostrich. I certainly don't belong in that latter category," she said.

TAMI party's mayoral candidate, Nahum Menahem, is the author of a recently published and highly controversial book, *Tension and Discrimination in Israel*, which alleges that Israeli society systematically discriminates against Sephardi Jews. Menahem has already attacked what he calls the city's Ashkenazi establishment. He maintains that an Ashkenazi elite controls 99 per cent of the city and holds virtually all the top posts in the municipal government.

Whatever the outcome of the elections, the most under-represented group will be the city's 20,000 Arabs who have only one candidate for city council, incumbent councillor Zahi Karbabi, who heads the Communist Rakah list — a safe spot. There is a single Arab candidate on the Alignment list, and he is in 16th place. It would take a landslide victory for Gurel's list to get the candidate, Farhan Said, a seat on the council.

On the face of it, the major political upset required to oust the Alignment-led administration does not appear to be on the cards. In this election, with its unusually large number of mayoral candidates, the main question is how many seats the Alignment will win.

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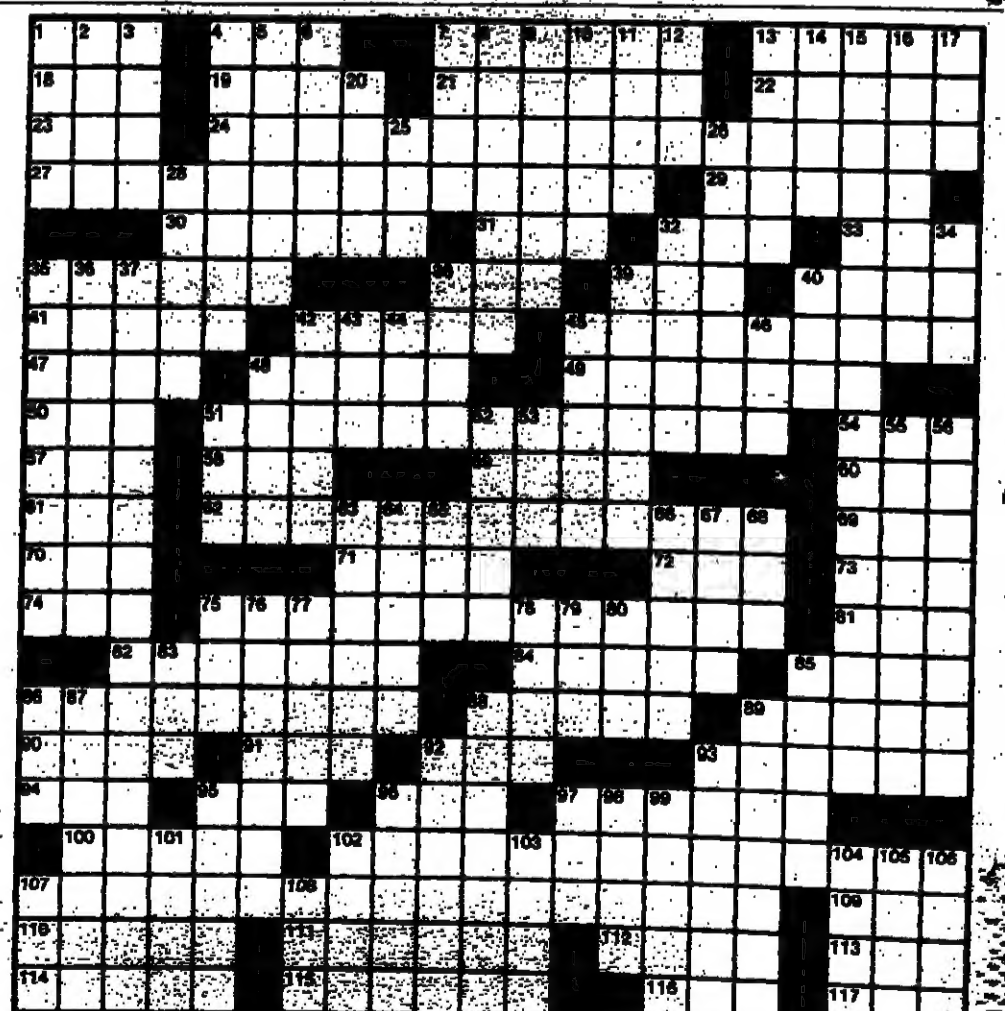
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Coining Phrases

By Louis Baron/Puzzles Edited by Eugene T. Malesko

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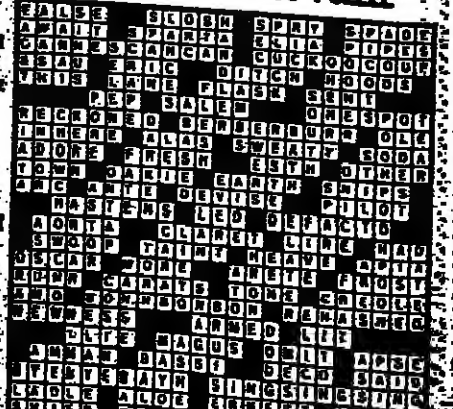
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Sports

World Series — Orioles level
Boddicker batters Phillies

BALTIMORE (AP). — Rookie Mike Boddicker pitched a three-hitter and drove in a run in only his second Major League at-bat as the Baltimore Orioles evened the 1983 World Series at one game apiece with a 4-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

The Orioles scored their first three runs in a fifth-inning surge ignited by John Lowenstein's leadoff homer and fuelled by the bottom of the lineup, which until then had collected only four hits in post-season play.

Boddicker, a right-hander, allowed only an infield single by Joe Morgan in the fourth inning, a two-out single by Gary Matthews in the seventh and a single by Bo Diaz in the eighth. Facing only three more batters than the minimum 27, he struck out three of the first four batters he faced and Orioles' outfielders were called upon for only four putouts.

As a topper, Boddicker struck out Mike Schmidt, the Phillies' slugger first baseman, to end the game. Boddicker walked no one — the second successive night that Orioles pitchers had issued no free passes.



Murray — Orioles win despite his error

The Phillies' only run was earned, the result of an error by first baseman Eddie Murray in the fourth inning.

Baltimore's victory sent the two teams to Philadelphia for tonight's third game all square in the best-of-seven series. The Orioles will pitch left-hander Mike Flanagan, while the Phillies go with 300-game winner Steve Carlton.

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By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT HASHARON. — Sixteen-year-old American Aaron Krickstein, bidding to become the youngest-ever winner of a Grand Prix singles title, yesterday evening edged local star Shahar Perkiss 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), to reach the semi-finals of the Israel Tennis Centre's \$90,000 tournament here. Trailing 0-3 and 2-5, Perkiss came back magnificently to force a tie-break, as the two-hour quarter-final reached a gripping climax which even included a heated five-minute dispute over a line call between Krickstein and umpire Aharon Sapir. Referee Norman Korff was called in to "mediate."

This afternoon, when play starts at 1:30 p.m., Krickstein takes on Britain's Colin Dowdeswell, the only seed left in the draw, in what should be a fascinating contest. Dowdeswell, the No. 3 seed, yesterday had a comfortable 6-3, 6-1 quarter-final victory



Net player Colin Dowdeswell faces baseline specialist Aaron Krickstein in today's semi-final.

over West German Jaromir Becka.

Preceding the Dowdeswell-Krickstein clash will be an all-German semi-final between Christopher Zips and Rolf Gehring. In the quarters, Gehring beat America's Rickie Meyer 6-3, 6-2, while Zips was leading Gilles Moretton 7-6, when the French Davis Cup racket was forced to withdraw with a pulled leg muscle.

Perkiss, 21, played some great tennis against Krickstein, who was more prone to error than in his two previous matches, but still did plenty to thrill the 2,000 spectators with his relentless hitting from the baseline. The gangling Haifaite, whose powerful service included some six aces, hit with a power and accuracy that often

matched his now-celebrated opponent, but almost nothing was seen of his volleying — usually one of his strongest weapons.

Half an hour after his singles defeat, Perkiss was back on court with Shlomo Glickstein in quarter-finals doubles competition, but the Israeli pair went out 7-6 4-6 6-3 to Dowdeswell and Swiss-domiciled Hungarian Zoltan Koharsky.

The latter pair today meet South Africans Tian Viljoen-Danie Vliet in one semi-final, while in the other half of the draw Americans Rod Crowley and Rand Evert play Peter Elber, of West Germany and Austrian Peter Feigl.

Play today begins at 1:30 p.m., with the tournament ending tomorrow. There will be a 2 p.m. start.

Dowdeswell enjoying his revival

By JACK LEON

RAMAT HASHARON. — Colin Dowdeswell, ex-Rhodesian and now British, feels that he has "a very good chance indeed" of winning the Volvo Grand Prix and thus taking his second singles title here. The first was in 1976, when he won the international tournament that inaugurated Ramat Hasharon's Israel Tennis Centre.

Dowdeswell, 28, the No. 3 seed, astonishingly found himself as the only seeded player left in the event at the end of the first round on Tuesday night.

"It is certainly very unusual for seven out of the eight seeds to lose in the opening round," says this veteran of seven years on the pro tennis circuit. He is confident that he will put an end to the winning run of Aaron Krickstein, 16, in today's semi-final.

Three weeks ago in Palermo, Dowdeswell beat Italy's Corrado Barazzutti, on the way to reaching the semi-finals in the \$100,000 Sicily Grand Prix. With Barazzutti ranked around 40th in the world, this was his best win so far since returning to the circuit on a full-time basis last summer. He had quit tennis and worked as a stockbroker for three

years, playing only occasional tournaments, prior to becoming a full-time pro again.

The high point of his first year stint on the circuit was at Wimbledon in 1975, when he and Australian Alan Stone were men's doubles runners-up.

Explaining his reason for quitting the game at such an early age while he was achieving considerable success on the circuit, Dowdeswell says: "I started full-time on the circuit too young, when I was only 18, and was burnt out at 24. From that point of view, there may be some advantage in Israeli youngsters having to start their careers at a later age because of their military service."

"Last year, however, I felt that I had not realized my full potential as a tennis player and decided to have another crack at the circuit."

"Consistency is the key to success," he stresses. "That is something for which Shlomo Glickstein is much admired by fellow players." Dowdeswell has never lost a first-round match in his comeback campaign.

Comparing the pro-tennis circuit today to that of five years ago, Dowdeswell comments: "Then there were probably only 150 full-time pros. Now there are more than 350, giving the game a great deal more depth and making it much tougher and success harder to come by."

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U.S. dollar	80.9696	Canadian dollar	65.7087
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French franc	10.1682	Belgian franc (10)	15.2758
Dutch guilder	27.7388	Austrian schilling (10)	44.2107
Swiss franc	38.3524	Italian lire (100)	5.1164
Swedish krona	10.4034	Japanese yen (100)	34.7211
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Belgium book place in
European finals

LONDON (Reuters). — Belgium continued their remarkable success story of recent years on Wednesday night when they became the first nation to join hosts France in the 1984 European soccer championship finals.

Runners-up to West Germany in the 1980 competition in Italy, Belgium dropped their first point in Group One when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Scotland in Glasgow. But as Switzerland, the only side with a remote chance of pipping them on goal difference, had gone down 3-0 in East Germany earlier in the day, Belgium arrived at Hampden Park safe in the knowledge that win, lose or draw, they were assured of a visit to France next summer.

The night's five other qualifying ties all proved inconclusive, although Denmark, Yugoslavia and the Netherlands improved their chances with vital wins.

Belgium, who were also the first European nation to qualify for the 1982 World Cup finals, took the lead against Scotland when Franky Vercauteren scored with a fine opportunistic goal in the 30th minute. Scotland have long since lost all interest in this competition, but, with the 1986 World Cup draw only eight weeks away, they roared back in a bid to impress manager Jock Stein.

Their pressure finally paid off in the 49th minute thanks to the exciting Charlie Nicholas-Kenny Dalglish partnership. It was the Arsenal £750,000 striker who started the move by intercepting a weak clearance from Michel Vintagor, Nicholas exchanged passes with Dalglish, rounded Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff and tucked the ball neatly into the gaping net.

In Group Three, England produced one of their finest performances of recent seasons with a splendid 3-0 win over Hungary in Budapest. But that victory, inspired by the often neglected Glenn Hoddie, may have come too late to save them from elimination as they still trail Denmark, who have a game in hand.

Results and Standings
GROUP 1

Scotland 1 Belgium 1	East Germany 3 Switzerland 0
P W D L F A Pts	P W D L F A Pts
Belgium 5 4 1 0 11 5 9	Switzerland 5 1 2 2 5 4
Scotland 5 1 2 2 5 4	East Germany 5 1 1 3 5 3

Belgium have qualified.

GROUP 3

Denmark 6 Luxembourg 0	Hungary 0 England 3
P W D L F A Pts	P W D L F A Pts
Denmark 6 5 1 0 15 4 11	England 7 4 2 1 19 3 10
Luxembourg 6 2 0 4 15 15 4	Hungary 6 2 0 4 15 15 4

Games to come: Hungary vs Denmark, Oct. 26; Greece vs Denmark, Nov. 16; Luxembourg vs Greece vs Luxembourg, Dec. 14.

GROUP 4

Yugoslavia 2 Norway 1	Wales 4 2 2 0 6 4 6
P W D L F A Pts	P W D L F A Pts
Yugoslavia 4 2 2 0 6 4 6	Norway 4 2 1 1 8 5 4
Norway 4 1 1 3 7 8 4	Wales 4 1 2 1 4 12 2

Remaining Game: Nov. 16 Netherlands vs Spain and Ireland vs Malta; December 17 Netherlands vs Malta; December 21 Spain vs Malta.

North Stars in
goal burst

BLOOMINGTON, Minnesota (AP). — Steve Payne scored twice during Minnesota's five-goal second period outburst to give the North Stars a 7-5 victory over the Calgary Flames in their National Hockey League opening home match.

Steve Larmer scored power-play goals in each of the first two periods as the Chicago Blackhawks went on to beat the Vancouver Canucks 2-1.

Bill Derasco scored twice in the third period including the tying goal with 3:08 left in regulation time, to earn the Toronto Maple Leafs a 4-4 tie with the Buffalo Sabres.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kenan.

New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK. — Wall Street stock prices remained lower yesterday but blue-chip issues improved when trading resumed after a stoppage of about 30 minutes due to technical difficulties. The Dow Jones closed

at 1,261.38, up 1.73 on light volume of 67.92 million shares.

Commentary courtesy Shearson Credit Investment House Ltd.

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Volume	64,924,700		US Steel	29	n.e.
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Gen. Motors	77%	+%	IDB Pld.	5	5%
Goodyear	31%	+%	Interpharm	17	17%
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THE LEBANESE DILEMMA

By DAVID LANDAU



If you have a whole piano, why play just on one octave?

WALID JUMBLATT's current tilt towards Israel is motivated by a mixture of fear of the IDF and concern for the interests of his Druse community in central and south Lebanon. The shift itself is cautious and controlled, says Uri Lubrani, the Israeli official who knows Jumblatt best, because the Druse leader stands in constant fear of Syria.

President Hafez Assad makes a point of reminding Jumblatt when they meet, by fulsomely praising his late father Kemal, that it was he, Assad, who ordered the elder Jumblatt's assassination.

Lubrani, since May the government's policy-coordinator in Lebanon, spoke with understanding for Jumblatt, but without much respect, in a wide-ranging interview with *The Jerusalem Post* this week.

He voiced misgivings over the tilt of American policy in Lebanon, fearing that Washington, "over-impressed by the Syrians," would squeeze President Amin Gemayel too hard and unwittingly precipitate the collapse of his government.

He disclosed something of the ongoing contacts with the Shi'ites in the south, and spoke disapprovingly of the extension of Maj. Sa'ad Haddad's authority far beyond his original border-enclaves.

Lubrani referred to the IDF's dilemma over whether to seal off the Awall line to motor-vehicles. He indicated that the cabinet itself would be called upon to decide the matter imminently.

Lubrani is widely regarded as the architect of Israel's relations with the Jumblatt-led Druse. As such he was widely criticized during the recent fighting in Lebanon, when it seemed that the victorious Druse would facilitate the PLO's return to Beirut.

Now that Jumblatt is publicly dissociating himself from the PLO, and has prevented the PLO from re-entering key areas of the Shouf, Lubrani seems vindicated. His critics at any rate — Ariel Sharon among them — have noticeably subsided.

Lubrani believes his original image was wrong. He was never exclusively pro-Druse, he says. By the same token, however, he did not side with the strong, exclusivist pro-Christian lobby in Israeli policymaking circles. Some of this latter group, he says disdainfully, seem to have learned nothing from the events of the past year.

He himself, says Lubrani, was — and is — against any exclusivity. "If you have a whole piano, why play just on one octave?" he says. "I am for a special relationship with both the Christians and the Druse. Nor can we ignore the other groups: the Shi'a, the Sunni, the Palestinians who need our protection."

IT WAS Israel, he asserts categorically, that ill-advisedly brought the Phalange forces back into the Shouf in 1982. He has no patience for the argument, advanced by the Phalangists themselves and by Sharon, that they came in to protect the Christian villagers who were streaming back to their homes in the wake of the IDF. "As long as the IDF was around, there was no need for the Phalangists to protect anyone."

He heatedly denied that Israel spent the months before its

redeployment arming and equipping the Shouf Druse, though he admits that Defence Minister Moshe Arens ordered the IDF to turn a blind eye in a few cases when lorries, presumably bearing small arms, were moved from one area of the mountains to another.

Later he noted, when Israel moved out the smooth and incident-free IDF redeployment was itself a convincing demonstration of the Shouf Druse's generally positive and cooperative attitude on terror-deterrence.

All the Israeli experts, he recalls, were convinced that the Druse would make short shrift of the Phalangists once the IDF had departed. The injection of heavy weapons from Syria — this only happened after the Israelis left, Lubrani insists — made the Druse's task even easier. In the event, according to Israeli military observers, the Christian fighters acquitted themselves poorly.

President Gemayel and his army, on the other hand, did rather better. While the president's blind obduracy had prevented a prior agreement with the Druse that would have avoided the fighting, Gemayel emerged from the engagement — albeit bereft of the Shouf — with a limited U.S. commitment to prop up and protect his government.

When the "New Jersey" with its massive guns hove to in Beirut Bay, says Lubrani, both sides at Suk el-Gharb had "run out of oxygen." The advent of the mighty battleship (it didn't actually fire anything) gave the government forces an added gasp — and that clinched the ceasefire.

The Druse have admittedly kept the PLO out of the southern and western Shouf, says Lubrani, but "there are still Palestinian (fighters) in other parts of the Shouf which the Druse control." Israel wants them ousted, "but we haven't seen any signs yet of this happening." The PLO can be

counted on not to heed the ceasefire if any hit-and-run opportunity against Israeli forces presents itself. "We have warned the Druse," says Lubrani, "that when the chips are down and we act, we shouldn't distinguish between them and the Palestinians."

Jumblatt, meanwhile, has made some markedly positive-sounding statements to the effect that the PLO must not be allowed to return to the Israeli border area ever again. Lubrani does not disparage these statements, but he observes that part of Jumblatt's following live behind the Israeli line in Hasbaya, and he must bear their interests in mind too (not to mention Israel's own Druse community). In statements directed at Arab audiences, Jumblatt projects a pan-Arab, pro-Palestinian line, ever-way of the Syrians breathing down his neck.

AS FOR the U.S., Lubrani says he has an uncomfortable "feeling" that U.S. diplomats seem much impressed by Assad and (Foreign Minister Abdel Khalim) Kaddam. I have no doubt that the U.S. today has more sympathy than before for the Syrian position in Lebanon, is more ready to acquiesce in a stronger Syrian role. Syrian support for the victorious Druse, and Syria's high-handed control of the PLO, both seem to have led the U.S. to conclude "that Syria can deliver the goods, that Syria can help extricate the Marines, that Syria can enable America to end its Lebanese embroilment."

"I fear, therefore, that we shall see an erosion of the U.S. position — both on the Israel-Lebanon agreement and on the need to maintain the independence of the Gemayel government."

"This is very dangerous, not only for us, but also for the very survival of Gemayel. The U.S. may feel that they can press Gemayel for

just a few more concessions to the Syrians. But that's not the Syrians' goal: they don't want concessions, they want to get rid of Gemayel altogether."

Jemayel is no Lebanese de Gaulle, but in Lubrani's view there is no substitute for him in the present situation.

Certainly there must be concessions from Jemayel, he says, and very probably there will be major changes in the shape of Lebanon's political structure if the "national reconciliation" process is successful. "But the changes must come gradually. They cannot be forced. The U.S. must not renege on its support for the present, duly constituted government."

His own concern over the drift of U.S. policy is echoed, he says, by senior Lebanese government officials.

Lubrani is frankly sceptical of the American diplomats' ability to read Assad's Byzantine mind and skillfully concealed intentions. Perhaps his scepticism is based on his own bitter experience: as Israel's last ambassador to Tehran, he frantically warned the Americans about what was about to happen, but his warnings went unheeded. Earlier, drawing on his experience in another post on the "periphery," Ethiopia, he watched distraught as American diplomacy failed to prognosticate the Soviet-Cuban success in taking over that country.

(The "periphery theory" of Israeli diplomacy, developed in the Fifties, held that Israel must seek non-Arab allies on the fringes of the Middle East region.)

He denies that Israel's own position regarding the Syrians in Lebanon has softened. Granted Arens said on TV that Israel might withdraw even though Syria doesn't, "but that's not the policy — it was just an utterance." Granted Shamir, too, implied in the Knesset this week that the principle of simultaneous withdrawal is not necessarily sacrosanct, "but that's also just to keep options open."

In practice, Lubrani says sadly, there is no visible option of talking to the Syrians, or even of tacitly arranging a system of "red lines." At present they seem implacable and unapproachable. Perhaps in the future an opportunity will present itself to advance the idea of disengagement in the Bekaa, which would be in the interest of both sides. If achieved, that might develop into a broader understanding on security spheres within

Lebanon, Lubrani muses hopefully. Were it not for the Golan annexation law Lubrani feels, Israel would be much better placed to develop a broad dialogue with Syria about security interests in the north.

For Lubrani, as for his boss Arens, "Israel's got nothing to look for in Lebanon," nothing to stay for except to ensure security on the northern border. All the unrealistic schemes have come to naught, as he knew they would. Having invested the massive effort, though, and paid the terrible price, Israel must try "to salvage what is salvageable" — for instance the still-unratified agreement of May 17, and the special relationships with the various communities.

FOR THE MOMENT, though, there is no "quick fix" in sight for Israel in Lebanon, Lubrani says. The Americans are working intensively to train and bolster the Lebanese Army, so theoretically it will one day be strong enough to take over security in the south. But what kind of government will rule Lebanon by then? "Will the Americans have the good sense and adroitness to make use of their present strong position so that Lebanon retains a Western-looking regime?" Lubrani asks.

Israel for its part is meanwhile looking to its own security interests in the south — and that means assiduous attention to the Shi'ites, who form the majority of the area's population.

There are "constant contacts at the level of field officers," Lubrani says. But he is plainly not happy with the results so far and is determined to involve himself personally — and to involve Arens — in discussions with Shi'ite leaders.

"They are going to be our neighbours for thousands of years — and we had better recognize that fact. We have to study them, understand them, their religious zealotry, their suddenly awakening political awareness."

Lubrani says the influence of Khomeini's Iran on the Lebanese Shi'ites is negligible, although Iranian emissaries "do try to stir things up."

The Shi'ites are the largest religious group in Lebanon, and they will strive for greater representation. But they are not a homogenous community; some are under the sway of the Amal party; others still obey ancient feudal families, while in some villages the mukhtar and group of elders wield power.

Lubrani is firmly convinced that no Christian commander, whether Haddad or anyone else, should be imposed upon the Shi'ites.

The closure of the Awall bridge to motor-vehicles would gravely impair Israel's relations with the Shi'ites, Lubrani notes. The traffic involved is in the order of 10,000 vehicles a day. The inconvenience, frustrations and anger of the local population would be enormous. And their feeling that Lebanon had been partitioned, with them cut off and under Israeli occupation, would be enhanced.

On the other hand, the dangers are enormous, too. "Construction of car-bombs has become a fine art in Lebanon," Lubrani says, citing unpublished recent instances of hair-raising escapes. The perfunctory examination of an endless stream of vehicles by bored militiamen at check-points might well be inadequate.

"How could I forgive myself if my recommendation led to a disaster?"

READERS' LETTERS

ANTI-RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — A. Caplan writes (Letters, September 28): "In the States, I didn't know about Agudat Yisrael. Here in Israel, I have learnt to distinguish between the builders and the destroyers of Israel." All that this means is that the writer has uncritically absorbed the mindless and ignorant prejudice against the so-called *haredim* so prevalent in secular circles in Israel. He is doing no service to Israel by allowing these pernicious distortions to rule his mind.

Who is closer to the proud *Ivri anochi* ideal — the typical secular Israeli high-school product who would much prefer to have been born a non-Jew ("less problems"), or the yeshiva student imbued with

a sense of the historic destiny of our people?

The *Baal T'shuva* movement is symptomatic. Here we have Israelis and others, from all walks of life, Air Force officers, scientists, media men and other professionals, individuals and families, who, once they have shed their prejudices and are prepared to listen to what traditional, authentic Judaism has to say, like what they hear and are prepared to make drastic changes in their life-styles accordingly.

I suggest Mr. Caplan might do well to investigate this movement more fully — and more fairly. He might discover something to his advantage.

RABBI ARYEH CARMEL
Jerusalem.

INTEREST IN NATURE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — We refer to Bill Clark's article, "Time to prey," about the migration of raptors to be observed near Kafr Kasim (*Life* style — September 21). As a result of its publication, the summit observation point was visited by 1,500-2,000 people, who, upon enquiry, told us that they had come because they had read your article.

This is a great success and we presume that, if so many people actually, came more must have read your supplement.

The great interest displayed certainly warrants the publications of more articles about nature.

YOSSI LESHEM, Director,
Israel Raptor Information Center
Jerusalem.

SCRABBLE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — We like your *Life* style very much and also the change in appearance now that it is published in tabloid form.

I am a pensioner and had planned with my wife to start playing scrabble in order to have something to do on long winter evenings. We would like to play it in English or German, but unfortunately could not find any set in the stores in Tel Aviv. Could you please let us know where we could get an English or German scrabble?

HARDO MANDOWSKY
Ramat Gan.

Scrabble sets of all languages are available at Hahn Toys, Shamai Street, Jerusalem. — Ed. J.P.

HATS OFF

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Hats off to your October 5 *Life* style edition. The satire on graphology alone (by Matt Nesvisky) was worth the price of a week's editions.

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